## Turkey: Iraqi missiles out of 'no-fly' zone

IKARA (R) - Iraq has pulled all missiles out of the southern and withern no fly 20ues as a gesture to the new U.S. administration, urkey's Foreign Minister Filkmet Cetin has said. Mr. Cetin, in remarks arried by Anatolia news agency, said Saturday night that Iraq had also ithdrawn troops from the north and closed all radars there. "Now it has north a normal period," Mr. Cetin said in the remarks quoted by anatolia "Ry this attitude lead wants to give a message to the new natolia. "... By this attitude, Iraq wants to give a message to the new linton government." He did not give further details of the Iraqi military eployment in his comments to the institute of Turkish administrators in isanbul. The presence of Iraqi anti-aircraft missiles in the allied-patrolled no-fly" zones prompted U.S. President George Bush to order air raids by ligainst Iraqi installations in ther waning days of his administration. The linted States announced earlier this month that Iraq appeared to have hanged its behaviour in the two "no-fly" zones. A Defence Department pokesman said that Iraq had not used targetting radars or fired on U.S. ad allied planes since Jan. 23.

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جوردان تليمز يومية سياسية تصدر بالانجليزية عن المؤسسة الصحفية الاردنية والراي،

#### Israel takes back expellee after 22 years

OCCUPIED WEST BANK (R)—Israel allowed a Palestinian it expelled 22 years ago to return home to the Israeli-occupied West Bank Sunday. Majed Salameh, 55, who won the right to return after a seven-year court battle, was the first Arab the Israelis has taken back after such a long exile, his lawyer said. In an emotional reunion, Mr. Salameh tearfully embraced his son, who was five years old when Mr. Salameh was exiled in 1970 on suspicion of membership in Fatch. After crossing the bridge from Jordan into the West Bank, Mr. Salameh said: "May all the other (extles) come home too." Mr. Salameh, who was misnamed by his lawyer last week as Majed Zakarne, was to have returned last Friday, but was turned away by troops who had apparently not been told of the change in his

the Arab Nation "in order for is to enhance the Jordanian

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#### iristopher to start ur in Egypt

IRO (R) - U.S. Secretary of t Egypt on Thursday on the tleg of his Middle East tour to ive stalled Arab-Israeli peace s and resolve the crisis over estinian expellees. Egyptian eign Minister Arar Musa said day Mr. Christopher would et President Hosni Mubarak ore leaving Cairo Friday. Mr. ristopher is also due to visit ia, Jordan, Israel and Saudi abia. It was unclear whether will go to Lebanon.

#### raeli Arabs decide jainst accepting osnians

L AVIV (AP) — Israeli Arab yors said Sunday they were ladrawing an offer to shelter ) Bosnian Muslim refugees, the government said it plani to bring them anyway. In nouncing Wednesday that ael would give the Muslims from, the government said it s acceding to a request from a up of Arab mayors who had ited Bosnia. But the mayors action without consulting the śnian authorities. "We are not spared to take in anyone." ahim Nimr Hussein, mayor of faram, said after chairing a eting of a committee of Israeliab mayors. Another commitspokesman, Ahmad Tidi, aced Israel of trying to use its ab citizens "for a public relans stant."

#### hamenei: Rushdie - eath order stays

INDON (AP) — Iran's spir-tal leader Ayatollah Ali namenei said Sunday the fourar-old death edict against wri-Salman Rushdie for alleged for Esphemy was irrevocable and called on Muslims to kill him. e late Ayatollah Ruhollah someini ordered Mr. Rushdie's ecution on Feb. 14, 1989 for eged insults to Islam in his ratollah Khamenei said, "the wa on the apostate Salman ishdie must be implemented thout a doubt, and it shall be plemented. It is the duty of all uslims who can reach this ercenary writer today to reove this harmful being from the th of Muslims" (See related xry on page 2).

#### .S. tourist found urdered in Egypt

\IRO (AP) — Police Sunday closed that American tourist ta E. Arias was strangled to ath last week and her body was and in the desert near the port y of Suez, a police official said. e official said investigators beve the motive of the murder s theft and are searching for : killer, Mrs. Arias, from ami, Florida, was found dead t week in the desert between iro and Suez, 130 kilometres st of the capital. She had noing on her except her clothes.

#### ittani to quit omalia job

OGADISHU (R) -- Ismat Kitii, special envoy of U.N. cretary-General Boutros Ghali Somalia, will leave his job for other U.N. assignment at the d of the month, a spokesman d Sunday. U.N. spokesman rouk Mawlawi said Mr. Kittani s being recalled to the U.N. idquarters in New York at the i of his three-month contract serve in the Horn of Africa miry. "There is no truth that has resigned." Mr. Mawlawi reporters, citing rumours he suggested Mr. Kittani, an i. Was leaving the job pre-



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## Saddam urges dialogue with Clinton, stresses

BAGHDAD (Agencies) — President Saddam Hussein told a U.S. visitor that he wants to open a dialogue with President Bill Clinton and a "new relationship" with Washington, the Iraqi News Agency (INA) reported Sunday. I believe that the president of

the biggest country in the world... needs to try wisdom, and not weapons," INA quoted President Saddam as saying late Saturday in a meeting with Ramsey Clark, a peace activist and former U.S. attorney general.
"Is he ready to listen to the

viewpoint of Iraq?" President Saddam was quoted as saying. "If he is ready, I simply believe that we can pave the way for building new relations based on mutual respect... regardless of what had happened," INA quoted President Saddam as

It was the first time that President Saddam himself has asked for a dialogue with Mr. Clinton, who took office Jan. 20. Previous overtures have come from government officials and the state-

run media. President Saddam also praised Mr. Clinton's opposition to the Vietnam war.

Abu Jaber

success of

**Damascus** 

discussions

Saturday in Damascus.

reports

"There are some trying to por-tray the anti-war past of Clinton as a matter of personal weakness, while we consider such a stand a mark of strength," President Sad-

need for wise approach

He made the comments in what was described as "a thorough and comprehensive political dia-logue" with Mr. Clark, a vocal opponent of the 1991 Gulf war. A transcript of their 70-minute dialogue was read on state radio and television and published in

full in Iraqi newspapers. It was the first public mention of Mr. Clinton by the Iraqi leader since he announced a unilateral ceasefire, after U.S.led air and missile attacks on Iraq, in a inauguration-eve offering to the new American leader. We and all of humanity consider this (anti-war) aspects of

The problem is whether the information and advice given to would keep him on this path... or he would take another after becoming president.

of strength," President Saddam

"In short, is he going to use wisdom or weaponry? Iraqi media and officials have

despite what are seen as tough statements regarding President Saddam and Iraq's post-Gulf war behaviour.

Pledges by Mr. Clinton to pursue the Bush administration's Iraq policy and to never normalise relations with Baghdad while President Saddam remained in power have largely been ignored. President Saddam urged Mr. Clinton not to be deceived by

pressure exerted on him by some State Department officials who retained their jobs when George Bush left office on Jan. 20. "The problem now is whether President Clinton would, in the face of pressures exerted by some, take the same misguided path as did

As part of his attempt at rapprochement with Washington, President Saddam ordered his air Clinton's personality to be a mark defences to stop challenging U.S. and allied planes in the airexclusion zones set up by the allies to protect Kurds in northern Iraq and Shiites in the south. President Saddam asked Mr. Clinton to forget the past and

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## Israelis kill Arab youth near Nablus

NABLUS, occupied West Bank (Agencies) - Israeli soldiers shot dead an Arab boy Sunday during a clash between students and troops at a village high school in the occupied West Bank, Palesti-

nian sources said. AMMAN (J.T.) — Foreign They said Amjad Emshaki, 18, day voiced full satisfaction with that broke out after five army the outcome of the talks he held vehicles surrounded the school, five kilometres from the town of In a statement to the Jordan Nablus. Two students were

wounded, they said.

Israelis have killed at least News Agency, Petra, Dr. Abu Jaber said he conveyed the greetings of His Majesty King Hussein 1.016 Palestinians since the outto Syrian President Hafez Al break of the intifada in December

Assad and listened to an evaluation of the situation in the region Human rights groups have by the Syrian leader. voiced concern over a marked Dr. Abu Jaber said he con-sulted with Syrian Vice President rise in the number of Arab deaths

since Israel's December expul-Abdul Halim Khaddam and sion of 415 Palestinians to Leba-Foreign Minister Farouq Al Sharas on issues of mutual interest, Israeli army regulations forbid including the Palestinian expelshooting to kill in demonstrations

lees issue, the Middle East peace unless soldiers' lives are directly process and the Arab situation. threatened. The Syrian officials voiced in-On the Golan Heights Sunday terest in pursuing and intensifying most Arab businesses closed and consultation and coordination with Jordan with a view to enhancing common Arab work, he said, adding that he felt a genuine

cooperation between the two Dr. Abu Jaber said the Joint Jordanian-Syrian Higher Committee will meet in the near future in Amman to pursue cooperation between both countries.

willingness to further strengthen

In Damascus on Saturday, Dr. Abu Jaber said a five-point U.N. Security Council formula aimed at solving the crisis over 396 Palestinian expellees was not enough and called for the return

of all those expelled. Dr. Abu Jaber did not say whether the return of all the expenses was a precondition demanded by Arabs to resume 15month-old Arab-Israeli peace talks, stalled after Israel's December 17 expulsion of 415

Palestinians. The U.N. formula reaffirmed Resolution 799 calling for the return of all evictees, but said Israel's offer to allow 101 of the remaining 396 evictees to return at once and the rest by the end of the year was a step in the right

Dr. Abu Jaber said of the formula: "What was issued by the Security Council was only a statement. Resolution 799 was stronger and we call for implementa-

tion of this resolution. Dr. Abu Jaber said his talks with President Assad. Mr. Khaddam and Mr. Sharaa were "ex-

tremely good and fruitful." He said before departing for home: "We still have some time and this gives us a chance to pupils boycotted classes in protest against Israel's 1981 "annexapolice sources said.

cent of stores closed, the sou

expulsion of Palestinians.

He described the measures as

Middle East peace process. during a meeting in Cairo with a

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#### **Rabin says Palestinians** will resume peace talks

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Sunday he believed Palestinians will resume peace talks despite their row over 400 Palesti-

are interested in peace will come to the peace negotiations, and I believe that the Palestinians will do the same," he told Israel Radio.

Palestinian peace team members said at the weekend they would shun the 16-month-old peace negotiations with Israel due to resume in March or April - until all the expellees returned

There are now just under 400 Palestinians remaining in a tent camp in southern Lebanon.

The peace negotiators remained firm despite a U.N. Security Council bid to defuse the dispute. The Security Council on Friday welcomed a U.S.brokered compromise for Israel to repatriate 101 evictees now and the rest by year's end.

The evictees — all from the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip - rejected the compromise, demanding they all be taken back immediately from their camp between Israeli and Lebanese army lines.

Leading Palestinian spokesman Hanan Ashrawi said the Security Council formula failed to address the central issue of the illegality of the deportations."

the Palestinian peace team, implored Israeli leaders to improve the atmosphere, telling Israeli army radio: "Do something positive in order to ensure the resumption of the negotiations."

He accused Israel of raising obstacles, citing its blowing up of Palestinians' houses, leaving families homeless, in a campaign to root out activists in the Gaza

Saeb Erakat, a member of the

'Syrian stand'

#### intellectual and creative capabilities," the King told the 20 founding members of the committee that was formed last week to oversee the birth of the pan-Arab The committee includes senators, deputies, and political and

AMMAN (J.T.) — A centre for

freedom, democracy and human rights studies in the Arab World

should act as "a beacon to dispel

darkness prevading the Arab scene," His Majesty King Hus-

sein told the centre's founding

the Jordanian democratic experi-

ence and to liberate (Jordan's)

"The centre's aim is to enhance

committee Sunday.

on exiles

recent decision by the United

States to support Israel's plans to

repatriate only 100 of the nearly

400 expellees with the rest of the

expellees to be repatriated in

degrees over a year from now.

Describing the move as a danger-

ous precedent, the House deman-

"It is rather strange to see the

council refraining from debating

the U.N. secretary-general's re-

port demanding that the council

implement the resolution," the

"The United Nations is disre-

garding its own resolutions and

exposing the credibility of inter-

national legitimacy to danger by issuing a declaration which in

effect prevents the implementa-

tion of Resolution 799 that has

been overwhelmingly approved

(Israel's) flagrant violations of

human rights," said the state-

United Nations continues to be

subjected to hegemony and going

against Arab interests but the

latest Security Council attitude

far exceeded this belief and went

the council put an end to Israel's

atrocities against Palestinians and

help the Palestinians regain free-

It also demanded that the

council find a way to provide

international protection to the

Foreign Minister Kamel Abu

Jaber, speaking after talks with

Syrian leaders in Damascus, called

for the return of all the expelled

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Palestinian people.

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Palestinians.

The statement demanded that

beyond all logic," it said.

"We always believed that the

passed in response to

Resolution 799 in full.

statement said.

solution 799.

tion" of the strategic plateau, Israeli troops and police pre-

vented demonstrations in Golan mountain villages, home to some 18,000 Druze. But about 80 per

Unrest has diminished in recent years as dozens of Golan Druze, including students, have been allowed to travel to Syria.

Egypt's Foreign Minister Amr Musa said Saturday that Israel's oppressive measures in the occupied territories add more complications to the situation resulting from the Jewish state's mass

unhelpful in creating a proper dimate for pushing forward the Mr. Musa made the remarks

group of U.S. senators.

ded that the Security Council adopt a clear-cut position vis-avis the question of the expellees and follow up implementation of

# Ziad Aby Zayyad, adviser to

nians exiled to Lebanon. "I believe that the parties that

Palestinian delegation to the peace talks, said that the endorsement was "tailoring a resolution to fit Rabin's side, and unfortunately, without the immediate return of all the deportees, the Palestinians will not be able to

continue the peace talks." A political source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israel was "pleased that the threat of condemnation or sanctions is behind us and that we can now concentrate on the important issue, namely the peace

Israel's offer to immediately repatriate 101 of the evictees and return the rest within a year was worked out with the U.S. administration that Mr. Rabin said had promised to shield Israel from any U.N. ultimatums or

A U.S. senator who recently (Continued on page 5)

#### House Foreign minister under criticism im denounces House over detainees in Egyptian jails U.N. deal

King said.

Amman centre on Arab human rights and

democracy should serve as beacon — King

His Majesty meets with committee of proposed institution

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

human rights activists. The King had called for the establishment

of the centre late last year. The

government took the initiative by

naming the members of the com-

A member of the committee

told the Jordan Times, however, that the centre will be an inde-

pendent entity and that its board

The King, since the introduc-

tion of the current phase of democracy, has called on Jorda-

nians to turn Jordan into a model

for the Arab World in terms of

In his speech Sunday, King

democracy and human rights.

Hussein envisioned a future for

of trustees will be pan-Arab.

mittee early this month.

AMMAN — Mafraq Deputy Abdul Karim Al Dughmi Mon-AMMAN (Petra) — The Lower House of Parliament Sunday day called for resignation of Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber for "his failure to fulfill his duty" and issued a statement denouncing the U.S.-Israeli compromise deal take appropriate measures to seover U.N. Security Council Recure the release of over 70 Jordanian citizens the deputy said are The statement referred to a

iailed in Egypt. During a session of the Lower House Sunday, Mr. Dughmi called on fellow parliamentarians to withhold confidence from the foreign minister after strongly attacking the Egyptian govern-ment for allegedly detaining Jordanian citizens upon arrival in Egypt. He accused Dr. Abu Ja-

ber of "neglecting his duty."
Mr. Dughmi had earlier submitted a written request to Dr. Abu Jaber to detail the measures the Foreign Ministry had taken to free Jordanian citizens reportedly detained in Egypt. He also listed the names of 10 Jordanians he tian jails.
The Muslim Brotherhood bloc at the House has provided the ministry with 77 citizens it says are jailed in Egypt.

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marked by oppression or indi-

vidual tyranny — an environment

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peace and comfort, without being

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ny, plunder, alienation, religious

and secular extremism and anv

other form of assault on man's

freedom right or dignity," the

from the King's address:

Following are major excerpts

"We must stand up to illitera-

In his written reply to Mr. Dughmi, Dr. Abu Jaber said the government had not received any official or documented informa tion from the Egyptian government on the number of Jordanian citizens detained or details of charges levelled against them.

Dr. Abu Jaber said the government had information based on letters leaked by detained Jordanians to their families, newspaper reports and communications from human rights organisations.

In addition to launching "official and personal" diplomatic efforts to collect information on the case, Dr. Abu Jaber said the Jordanian embassy in Cairo also contacted the Egyptian authorities to verify unofficial information about the detention of Jordanian citizens but received no resaid were being tortured in Egyp-

contacted (concerned Egyptian authorities) at all levels but only received promises that have not been implemented," Dr. Abu Ja-

democratic experience and to

liberate our intellectual and crea-

tive capabilities towards the goal

of establishing a comprehensive paradigm for political, social and

cultural democracy. The centre

will thus crystallise the vision for

a future phase from which will

emanate an overall Arab move-

ment rekindling the Arab renaiss-

ance that has always been the

message of the Great Arab Re-volt. Within this immutable mes-

sage we have found succor and

inspiration during these lean years in our nation's history, as

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ber said. 'Non-Jordanian groups are contacting the Egyptian authorities for information on a number of detainees holding Jordanian passports," said Dr. Abu Jaher. confirming that Jordanian citizens are detained in Egypt.

"This is a point against you and not for you," Mr. Dughmi said in a speech addressed to Dr. Abu Jaber, who did not attend the House session.

"Your failure to treat this situation led to the intervention of non-Jordanian groups in the

case," Mr. Dughmi said.

During the House's session Sunday, Minister of Social Development Amin Mashagbeh also came under fire from Muslim Brotherhood Deputy Abdul

Rahim Ekour for not providing (Continued on page 5)

#### **Exiles urge Arab states** to reject U.N. formula MARJ AL ZOHOUR, Lebanon

(R) — Palestinian expellees urged Arab states Sunday to reject a U.N. bid to defuse the crisis over them before the U.S. secretary of state visits the Middle East.

The Palestinians expelled by Israel and stranded for eight weeks in South Lebanon said it was up to Arab participants to decide whether to return to peace talks with Israel.

But the 396 expellees vowed never to budge on their demand that Israel should be forced to allow all of them to return immediately in line with U.N. Security Council Resolution 799.

"We urge Arab League foreign ministers to meet and stand against the Zionist-American conspiracy which found a welcome in the Security Council," evictee leader Abdul Aziz Al Rantisi told reporters.

They should take a united stand especially before (U.S. Secretary of State Warren) Christopher visits and we beg them to support our demand so

that our return home can be fulfilled. The evictees on Sunday distributed warm clothing smuggled to

their muddy tent camo between Israeli and Lebanese lines. Journalists saw them using a Lebanese cellular telephone apparently donated by sympathisers to call internationally.

Diplomats said it was highly unlikely Arab League foreign ministers would be able to meet as sought by the Palestinians before Mr. Christopher starts his Middle East tour on Wednesday.

The U.N. Security Council said Friday an Israeli offer to take back 101 of the evictees and allow the rest to return to the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip within a year was a step in the right direction towards ending the cri-

The council declaration was part of a five-point formula which also reaffirmed Resolution 799 and urged Israel swiftly to

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## **Militants** attack Algerian schoolbus; one dead

ALGIERS (R) - Armed Muslim fundamentalists on Sunday attacked a schoolbus carrying children of members of the Algerian security forces, the paramilitary gendarmerie said.

The bus driver, shot in the attack, later died of his wounds, but the gendarmerie statement quoted by the official news agencv APS made no mention of any children being hurt.

The incident was the first to involve young children of parents in the security forces.

In a weekend of violence, Defence Minister Khaled Nezzar, seen as the strongman in Algeria's collective presidency, narrowly escaped assassination in a carbomb attack on Saturday in

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tion to transfer command of the

international force, the paper

The international force mean-

while, continued to face gunfire

and seize weapons. Shoot-outs

with Somalis left two Somalis

wounded, and Italian troops

sweeping through a Mogadishu neighbourhood uncovered arms

including more than 100 gre-nades, 12,000 detonators and

A U.S. marine helicopter

The CH-53D Sea Stallion, of

crashed on an airfield in Bale-

dogle, injuring the four crewmen

Marine Helicopter Squadron 363,

was on a routine training flight

when it crashed Saturday night in

Baledogle, 100 kilometres north-

Damage to the aircraft and the

cause of the accident were under

investigation, a U.S. military

Italian forces at dawn raided a

neighbourhood in northeast

Mogadishu, finding weapons under bags of rice, blankets and

furniture in homes and shops,

said army Captain Ed Loomis.

another U.S. military

22 heavy weapons, 103 hand gre-nades, 12,000 electronic detona-

tors, 26 artillery and mortar shells, two Tow missiles and two

Milan missiles, and four rocket-

in the sweep, and some people

even volunteered to hand over

A Marine observation team on

routine check wounded a Soma-

li after coming under fire Friday

near a stadium in an area a

Marine was killed in January,

Capt. Loomis said, and Tunisian

troops shot and wounded a Soma-

li in the leg after he and four other Somalis tried to enter a

supply compound, presumably to

Of the crashed helicopter crew,

the pilot and one crewman were flown

to a U.S. army hospital at the

Mogadishu airport for treatment

and observation, the statement

said. The two others were treated

weapons, he said.

No one was arrested or injured

propelled grenades, he said.

The stashes included 25 rifles,

statement said. No one was hurt

aboard, officials said.

west of Mogadishu.

on the ground.

four missiles.

France

wins \$3.5b

tank deal

from UAE

ABU DHABI (R) -- France won

a \$3.5 billion order from the

United Arab Emirates (UAE) for

more than 390 battle tanks on

Sunday against Tough competi-

United States and Britain.

tion from its Gulf war allies the

The contract was announced

shortly after the opening of the

Gulf's largest defence show,

IDEX 93, where more than 350

weapons manufacturers from 34

countries displayed their wares in

what has developed into the

world's most important arms

## **Most American** soldiers to leave Somalia by April

American troops in Somalia could be home in April under a plan being prepared by the United Nations, a U.S. military spokesman said Saturday.

As part of the plan, U.S. command of the multinational force in Somalia would be turned over to the United Nations.

President Bill Clinton said he was encouraged by the reported timetable and would "do some work" on the issue Monday. "This does need to go from a

U.S. mission to a U.N. mission. Mr. Clinton said during a White House photo session. "Even though I think President

(George) Bush hoped we could, I never thought we could do it by the end of January." Military officials have express

ed increasing confidence that the nearly three month-old Operation Restore Hope can be handed over to U.N. forces. The U.S.-led operation has quelled much of the clan violence that had kept relief aid from millions of people throughout the famine-racked

Farouk Mawlawi the U.N. spokesman in Somalia, said the U.S. handover "will take weeks."

The Security Council is to consider the command shift at a meeting next week. If it is approved, then the U.S. military plans to send home most of the nearly 19,000 troops remaining

"Looking at our timeline. that's perhaps technically feasible by mid-to late April," said Colonel Fred Peck, spokesman for the U.S. forces.

The pian, as reported by the New York Times Saturday, calls for the U.S. troops to be replaced by 15,000 to 20,000 soldiers from various countries. They would include 3,000 to 5,000 Americans, the newspaper said, quoting diplomatic and Pentagon

The international force would be under the command of a Turkish general, the newspaper said. Somalis and other Arabs have said they want a Muslim to oversee the relief effort. Turkey is both Islamic and an ally of the United States.

The Security Council is ex-

## Shelling duels erupt near Lebanon evictees' camp

ren Christopher tours the Middle East to revive peace talks.

Several artillery rounds fired non. from Israel's self-styled "security zone" in southern Lebanon crashed before dawn on suspected resistance strongholds at Dahr mountain, which overlooks the camp of nearly 400 Palestinians expelled by Israel, police reported.

Neither side reported casualties Sunday. A militiaman from Israel's allied South Lebanon Army (SLA) was killed and nine others wounded Saturday when the guerrillas launched the attack with a mortar barrage on a for-

ward SLA post. The exchanges flared from dusk Saturday to daybreak Sunday, pitting Israeli and SLA militia gunners against Hizbollah.
Police said that the Israelis and

allies pounded eight villages with rounds from tanks and Howitzers. Parachute flares lit up the area the Litani River basin 25 kilometres east to Dahr moun-

Guerrillas struck back with mortar barrages aimed at outlying SLA and Israeli positions. They fired three Soviet made Katyusha rockets that exploded harmlessly west of Marjayoun, the main town of the "security zone," police said.

SEX, adultery, bribes and

phonetaps are the extra spicy

ingredients in the race for the

head of what is - or was - the

highest religious authority in the land: the Chief Rabbinate, the

official spokesman of Judaism in

The two men to be chosen next

week — one an Ashkenazı Jew,

of Eastern European origin, and

one a Sephardi or Oriental Jew -

should provide moral guidance

The most deadly, accusations

have emerged in the campaign for

the Ashkenazi chief rabbi. Early

on Haifa's Ashkenazi chief Rabbi

She'ar-Yashuv Cohen accused

the front-runner, Yisrael Meir

Lau, chief rabbi of Tel Aviv, of

leaking and distorting statements

he had made to the press in order

to paint him as a dangerous liber-

Israel.

for the nation.

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Shelling A Hizbollah communique said duels raged early Sunday in the attack was launched to comsouthern Lebanon, four days be- memorate former leader Sheikh fore U.S. Secretary of State War- Abbas Musawi, killed Feb. 16, 1992 when Israeli helicopters blasted his convoy in South Leba-

> Dahr mountain lies about 1.6 kilometres from the raindrenched tent city where about 400 Palestinians expelled by Israel have lived for nearly two

Hizbollah Secretary-General Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah hit out at the U.N. Security Council for failing to force Israel to take back the expellees. He was speaking at a rally at a

Beirut Mosque to commemorate the killing of Sheikh Abbas. Sheikh Musawi's wife and child were also killed in the Israeli

helicopter ambush. "We stress in the memory of the martyrdom of Sheikh Abbas Musawi that the resistance as a military act of (holy war) will continue and escalate... at any cost," Sheikh Nasrallah said. We will never abide by any

rules of the game," he told a cheering crowd of about 10,000. The only rules are the preservation of the resistance and its

The Islamic Resistance. Hizbollah's military arm, has launched hundreds of attacks, including suicide bombings, against Israeli forces in South Lebanon in the past decade.

al. Rabbi Lau's supporters then accused Rabbi Cohen's appar-

atchiks of bugging his office.

Rabbi Cohen counter-claimed

that his phone was being tapped.

the Hebrew press has reported that Rabbi Lau has made sexual

advances against several women

"It's more like a U.S. presiden-

tial race than an election for the Chief Rabbinate," says Shakar

Illan, a writer on religious affairs

for Ha'aretz newspaper. "It's a

tragi-comedy, says Menachem

Friedman, a sociologist and au-

thor of books on the institution.

He and others have been predict-

ing the decline and fall of the Chief Rabbinate for several

years. Now, they believe it is

which he has denied.

Then came the sex. This week

Rabbis throw spicy insults in election race

## Pakistani mediator secures Afghan ceasefire agreement

KABUL (R) — A Pakistani peace mediator has won a ceasefire agreement from the Afghan government and its dissident guerrilla foe the Hezb-e-Islami after nearly a month of fighting in the capital, a spokesman said

"Hezb-e-Islami and the government have both agreed to hold fire to facilitate our peace mission," said Khalid Khawaja, spokesman for retired Pakistani Lieutenant-General Harfiid Gul.

The truce, agreed late Saturday, has no time limit and the peace brokers hope to negotiate a permanent ceasefire soon, Mr. Khawaja said.

The city was at its quietest since the battles between government forces and the Hezb-e-Islami of radical leader Gulbuddin Hekmatyar erupted 27 days ago. Hundreds of people have been killed and more than 5,000 injured in the fighting.

No rocket or artillery fire was heard overnight or Sunday morning and residents took advantage of the lull to venture out to stock up on scarce provisions.

Food and fuel are in extremely short supply in the capital, and the United Nations says it has succeeded in supplying only one per cent of the capital's food

When the Chief Rabbinate was

founded in 1921 its purpose was

to define the nature of Jewish

citizenship, in Mandatory Pales-

tine, before the state was found-

ed, and to make learned inter-

pretations of Jewish law. It is a

Zionist body, funded by the state.

As such it is largely spurned by anti-Zionist, ultra-Orthodox reli-

ious groups. It makes rulings,

for example, on who can be

defined as a Jew and supervises

of the Chief Rabbinate as prime

arbiter of Jewish law - Halacha

and cannot be enforced according

to Professor Friedman. In a main-

prefer to listen to their own rab-

bis. And the Chief Rabbinate has

no power outside Israel. As a

Over the years the broad role

has become largely symbolic,

secular society Israelis may

the kosher food laws.

A few bursts of machinegun fire erupted, but these were not unusual in a city patrolled by thousands of armed men from the various Mujahedeen parties that took power from the former communist government in Kabul last

April. There have been a few violations but they were mistakes or by people who did not know about the ceasefire," Mr. Khawa-

Gen. Gul, who led Pakistani military intelligence throughout much of the 14-year Afghan war and directed the Mujahedeen parties in their fight, left Sunday for Mr. Hekmatyar's headquar ters at Charasyab south of Kabul

for more talks. He met President Burhanuddin Rabbani Saturday.

Mr. Hekmatyar is fighting to unseat Mr. Rabbani, accusing him of rigging his election last

Mr. Khawaja refused to give details of Gen. Gul's talks with the two rival fundamentalist; leaders, saying: "It is very, very

It was unclear if the two sides agreed to the ceasefire out of deference to Gen. Gul, credited with being the architect of the Mujahedeen victory over the for-

mer Soviet-backed government.

result the prestige and learning of the Chief Rabbis have declined.

tion is all-powerful. The two

Chief Rabbis are judge and jury

in Israel's marriage and divorce

courts. It is here that the Israeli

state and the Jewish religion are

intertwined. While many secular

Jews have objected, religious

Jews in Israel have always in-

sisted that religious control must

be exercised over marriage and

divorce to preserve the unity and

Religious experts say they be-

lieve that when the new Chief

Rabbis are finally chosen they

will have far less status than their

predecessors and eventually the

institution will be dismantled.

But rabbinical control over mar-

riage and divorce is likely to

remain — The Jerusalem Post.

to step up his own public appear-

In the first year he has visited

nine countries seeking interna-

tional support and denouncing

what he called "Iran's state ter-

The British government recent-

ly said the death order was an

obstacle to closer relations with

Iran, such as upgrading ties to

benefits London's vain support

for Rushdie may have for that

country, in the long run ... Britain will be more and more exposed as

an anti-Islamic and hostile coun-

try to world Muslims," IRNA

long realised that the late imam's

decree on Rushdie being an apos-

tate is not revocable and is still

he is nothing more than a political

card for his supposed backers in

their propaganda campaign

against Iran and Islam and one

In its apparent new approach,

the British government has effec-

tively reversed two key aspects of

its policy on Mr. Rushdie and

day will be discarded."

"As for the apostate himself,

"British statesmen should have

"Whatever short-term political

ances and trips abroad.

ambassadorial level.

valid," it said.

purity of the Jewish people.

But in one vital area the institu-

A previous ceasefire, negotiated last August by neutral Mujahedeen parties and a Pakistani government minister to end bloody battles between Mr. Rabbani and Mr. Hekmatyar, lasted

for several weeks.

Government officials have said privately they were forced to agree to the truce, which they described as a mistake that enabled Mr. Hekmatyar to rearm and resupply.

The Shifte Hezb-e-Wahdat party, based in the western suburbs and recently aligned with Mr. Hekmatyar, was not included in this latest ceasefire, Mr. Khawaja

The government said Hezb-e-Wahdat sued for a ceasefire from midnight Friday after the govern-ment made substantial advances against its positions, but soon violated it.

Mr. Hekmatyar has refused to halt his assault unless Mr. Rabbani agrees to elections within a year and the formation of an interim government acceptable to all par-

In an attempt to take power. Mr. Hekmatyar launched an attack on Kabul last August in which 2,500 people were killed and thousands injured. He has since attacked the city intermit-

"The UAE will buy 436 French LeClerk tanks," UAE Defence spokesman Gamal Al Suweidi told reporters.

The LeClerc, made by France's state-owned Giat Industries, the U.S. Abrams M1A2 made by General Dynamics Corporation, and Vickers Defence System Ltd's Challenger 2 were all competing for the deal.

"It was a difficult decision choosing between three superior tanks," Mr. Suweidi said. He did. not give the value of the deal but. defence experts said it was worth at least \$3.5 billion.

Mr. Suweidi said Giat hadagreed to re-invest 60 per cent of the deal's value in joint-venture projects in the UAE.

General Dynmaics was strong enough to shrug off losing the contract but Vickers may be forced to shut one of two factories in Britain for lack of sufficient export orders, the experts said.

Gist officials said that at the UAE's request their tanks would be powered by a German-made engine, the 12-cylinder MTU 883, which was on display at the first International Defence Exhibition IDE , across the aisle from the LeClerk tank.

The 1,630-horsepower engine, made by the Deutsche Aerospace (DASA) unit of Damler-Benz A.G., has been installed in 20,000 different battle tanks inthe world, officials said:

Mr. Suweidi said be could not put a pricetag on the deal "be-cause of logistics and training", but added that it called for "an possible."

only to the French army.

ing the 1991 Gulf war.

The Challenger and the origin-

Vickers last year lost a \$4.5

billion order to sell 256 tanks to

Kuwait to General Dynamics'

M1A2. The experts said a \$300

million deal with Oman in Janu-

ary would prove insufficient to

keep embattled Vickers out of

"The UAE's decision is very

highly political," a disappointed

General Dynamics officials

said losing the UAE deal will?

Britain and the United States

have no serious effect on their

British defence expert said.

al version of the Abrams tanks

had both been battle-tested dur-

"Apparently the town changed It was Giat's first export order for the LeClerc, developed in the ,9 late 1980s and previously sold

Lokochagio.
The Relief and Rehabilitation Association said Saturday the Nasir faction of Riek Machal

for the breakaway faction, denied his group was responsible. We have no forces there.

impression we are hindering re-lief," Mr. Luke said. Ms. Barton said the U.N. staff had gone to check on health and food requirements for the people, mostly members of

Ms. Barton said there were no plans for the U.N. to halt its missions to southern Sudan because of the incident.

#### Sudanese rebels rob U.N. workers

NAIROBI (AP) — Southern Sudan rebels robbed three U.N. workers and two airplane crew members when they landed in a town hit by famine and disease. the United Nations said Saturday Brenda Barton, a U.N. spokes-

woman in Nairobi, said no one was injured and the aircraft was not damaged in the assault

"They took all their personal belongings and some medicine, Ms. Barton said of the rebels.

She said the flight was authorised a week ago by the Sudan Relief and Rehabilitation Association (SRRA), the humanitarian wing of the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army

hands without SRRA knowing," Ms. Barton said.

She said about 200 armed men who had mounted anti-aircraft guns around the runway, surrounded the Cessna 200 when it landed from the northwestern Kenya border town of

carried out the robbery.

But John Luke, a spokesman They are just trying to create the

the Dinka tribe. As many as a million people have died due to war and famine and six million forced to flee their homes since the civil war started

nearly 10 years. The rebels took arms in 1983 to press for increased autonomy for the African and predominantly animist and Christian south, traditionally dominated by the Muslim and Arab north.

remain the region's main arms suppliers but France, eager to penetrate the lucrative Gulf market, has close military ties with the UAE. It sold the oil-rich UAE Mirage 2000 warplanes equipped with U.S. armament and air defence systems in the mid-1980s and defence experts say the two sides

might soon enter fresh negotia-tions for more Mirage 2000s.

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#### MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

#### Egypt urges Israel to halt violence

CAIRO (R) -- Egypt urged Israel to stop blowing up Palestinians' homes in the Gaza Strip as part of a campaign to root out suspected fugitives. Egypt, the only Arab country to have signed a peace treaty with Israel, said it viewed with concern Israeli forces' use of anti-tank rockets and explosives to demolish the houses. "Egypt does not accept such unjustified escalation against civilians...such acts are a flagrant violation of the Geneva convention and all international laws and norms," said a Foreign Ministry statement published in local newspapers Sunday, "Such acts constitute a real obstacle to the peace process," the statement added. The Israeli army fired rockets at 20 Palestinian homes in the Guza Strip Thursday in what it described as an operation to capture wanted activists. "Egypt calls on the Israeli government to half these acts, comply with legitimate rules, apply the law and ensure security for the Palestinian people in the occupied territories," he said.

#### France offers Algeria \$1.07b in credits

ALGIERS (R) - France has offered Algeria six billion francs (\$1.07 billion) in credits for 1993, visiting Finance Minister Michel Sapin said Saturday. Mr. Sapin told reporters that five billion francs (\$890 million) would be in the form of commercial credits, the same amount as the French government lent in 1992. The remaining one billion francs (\$180 million) "is at exceptional financial conditions and with absolutely no strings attached," Mr. Sapin said after signing the credit agreements with Ahmad Benbitour, the junior minister of economy and treasury. The credits are of enormous importance to Algeria, which will have to spend \$9 billion this year servicing a foreign debt of about \$26 billion. Export earnings will be only \$11 billion. The Algerian government has indicated it will need some \$2 billion from the international community this year to close its external financing gap. France, which ruled Algeria for more than 100 years up to 1962, had already promised to help Algeria economically but it

was not clear until now how large the credits would be. The two ministers also signed an agreement on the protection of French investments in Algeria. Mr. Sapin said France agreed to help Algeria in its talks with international financial organisations "so that the dialogue will be fruitful and that all the difficulties and special characteristics of the Algerian economic situation should be taken into account."

#### U.S. warns against travel in Afghanistan

WASHINGTON (R) — The State Department Saturday warned Americans against travel in Afghanistan, saying Westerners there are vulnerable to robbery, kidnapping and hostage-taking for political and criminal purposes. Afghanistan's guerrillas and government troops were locked in a fierce battle near the capital Kabul Saturday in their 26th day of fighting for political control. The United States has had no diplomatic mission in Kabul since

#### Kazakh president meets Mubarak

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CAIRO (R) - Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev held talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak Sunday and signed an agreement for bilateral cooperation. Egyptian officials hope the new accord will stimulate trade with the huge oil-rich republic in Central Asia. The two leaders discussed "the need to maintain stability, curb the spread of violence and extremism and preserve the real spirit of religion and its positive influence on society," the sources said. Egypt, witnessing a rising tide of Muslim fun-damentalism, is also interested in containing Iranian influence in Muslim Central Asia. It has honoured scholars from the area and offered to set up religious and educational services. Mr. Nazarbayev arrived Saturday. He is the fourth president from a former Soviet republic to visit Cairo since the republics became independent just over a year ago. Egypt had extensive trade with the former Soviet Union and has managed to maintain trade worth hundreds of millions of dollars a year with the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) through constant high-level contacts between officials and businessmen.

#### British support for Rushdie Garang. will harm ties, IRNA says NICOSIA (R) — Iran's official one secret location to another, news agency IRNA has warned pledged after meeting Mr. Hogg pledged after meeting Mr. Hogg

rorism.

that new meetings between Brit-ish officials and author Salman Rushdie would further harm relations between London and

Indian-born British author Rushdie has lived in hiding since Iran issued a death warrant against him in 1989 saying he blasphemed Islam in his book "The Satanic Verses."

IRNA made its comments Saturday night on the fourth anniversary of the order issued by Iran's late Ayatollah Rohullah

The news agency said a meeting last week between Mr. Rushdie and British Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hogg in London "is bound to affect the prospect of relations between Britain and Iran." It was Mr. Rushdie's first public meeting with a British

vocable."

Mr. Rushdie, 45, who has spent four years under 24-hour

minister in four years.
IRNA described Mr. Rushdie's

visits abroad and recent interviews as "yet another futile bid to avert the inevitable" and reiterated Iran's stand that the death sentence was "binding and irre-

police protection moving from

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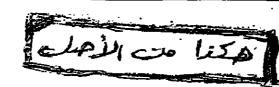
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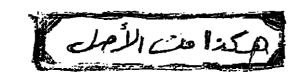
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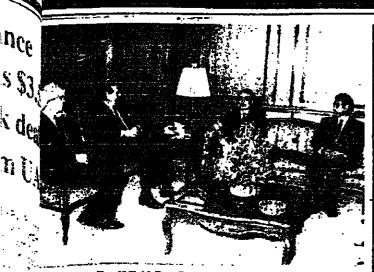
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ne Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker Sunday meets with a visiting th Korean delegation (Petra photo)

#### harif Zeid discusses ties ith visiting N. Korean team

IMAN (Petra) — Prime lister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker day met with a visiting North rean delegation and expressed reciation of North Korea's nd in support of Palestinian ats and Arab causes.

inarif Zeid said the North Kon parliamentary delegation's it is expected to strengthen ations and cooperation been Jordan and North Korea.

lead of the delegation Yang ong Sop expressed his satisfac-with the development of ations between his country and dan and voiced North Korea's olute backing for the Palestin people and support for soluis to international conflicts ough dialogue based on jus-

Following the meeting with the prime minister, Mr. Hyong Sop and his delegation met with Foreign Minister Kamel Abu Jaber to review Middle East and world affairs. Mr. Hyong Sop and Dr. Abu Jaber called for the estabishment of Middle East peace based on U.N. Security Council

Mr. Sop and his delegation called at the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) and were briefed by its president, Dr. Kamel Ajlouni, on the university's programmes and activi-

Dr. Ajlouni discussed with the visitors the prospect of launching educational cooperation with Korean universities. He also accompanied the parliamentary delegation on a tour of the campus.

#### Brucellosis workshop o form regional plan

AMAN (Petra) — A four-day nonal workshop opened Suny in Ammaa to coordinate orts of seven Middle East intries in combating brucello-...a disease caused by the icella bacteria affecting espeily cattle and causing undulant er in humans.

n welcoming the delegates m Jordan, Syria, Lebanon ypt, Sudan, Oman and Tur-7. Minister of Agriculture ez Khasawneh said the workop is designed to produce an grated programme that will nefit the participating nations.

J.N. Resident Representative fordan Omar Hashem addresthe opening session and lerlined the importance of the eting in finding ways to protect nan health as well.

U.N. Food and Agriculture janisation (FAO) representaoutlined the various topics to discussed and a report on abating brucellosis in a num-

He said that in light of the workshop's findings, efforts will be made for international financ-

ing of resultant projects. Several working papers will be reviewed including statistics of brucellosis cases in each country, achievements in combating the disease and proposed programmes for collective work.

According to Dr. Khasawneh, recent surveys in Jordan showed a decline in the rate of Brucella infection, but he said there is still a need for a regional plan to deal with the problem.

He added that since the mid-1980s the Ministry of Agriculture took measures against brucellosis through vaccines in cooperation with international organisations. Dr. Khasawneh said the ministry had also started produc-

ing brucellosis vaccines. The four-day workshop is being organised by the Ministry of Agriculture in cooperation with the FAO and the World

## Home news in Brief

#### Prime minister visits PSD

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker anday stressed the important role of the public security forces in naintaining stability and security in Jordan. During a visit to the ublic Security Department (PSD), Sharif Zeid called for ntensifying efforts to improve the performance of the PSD forces it all levels. PSD Director Major-General Fadel Ali Fuheid said n an address delivered in the presence of Sharif Zeid the PSD xerts strenuous efforts to maintain national security. "The PSD ias, to a great extent, succeeded in affecting positive changes in is structural systems and performance in a manner that suits the ocial changes witnessed in the country and the democratic experiment through which we are passing." Major-General uneid said.

#### Ramadan government hours announced

MMAN (Petra) - Government office hours during the fasting nonth of Ramadan will be from 9.30 until 2.00, according to a communique issued by Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker. he communique excluded staff of departments whose nature of rork requires special administrative arrangements.

#### Jataineh to attend Arabisation meeting in Bahrain

MMAN (Petra) - Jordan will participate in a conference on Arabising the Education of Medicine and Medical Sciences in the Arab World" to open in Bahrain Feb. 16. Health Minister aref Bataineh who will head the Jordanian delegation to the tree-day conference said he will present several proposals ealing with writing medical books in Arabic and the establishrent of a data library which would contain Arabic medical books.

#### **WHAT'S GOING ON**

#### **EXHIBITIONS**

Exhibition entitled "Modernist Still Life Photographed" at the American Centre. Exhibition of watercolour paintings by Syrian artist Nazir

Nab's at Batadas Art Gallery. Exhibition of paintings by the late Syrian artist Alfred Hatmal

at Al Balqa Art Gallery in Fuheis city.

Exhibition of paintings by four Arab artists from the United States - Ghada Jamal, Helen Khal, Suha Noursi and Afaf Zurayk - at the Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation Gallery in Jabal Amman, between the First and Second Circles. Exhibition of photographs by Jean-Philippe Reverdot at the

Prench Cultural Centre.

ixhibition of paintings by Iraqi artist Hayat Jamii Hafez at Alia irt Gallery.

#### FILMS

French film entitled "La Vie de Famille" at the French Cultural Centre at 8 p.m.

'ideo of "Damn Yankees" at the American Centre at 5 p.m.

# Iraqi dinar plunges after CBJ warning

By P.V. Vivekanand Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN -- The Iraqi dinar took a plunge in the local market Sunday in the wake of a Central Bank of Jordan (CBJ) warning that speculators were behind the dramatic boost Saturday in the exchange rate of the beleagured Iraqi currency.

The Iraqi dinar was being traded at around 50 to 55 file Sunday, down from 100 file at closing Saurday. dealers said, The climbdown followed a state-

ment issued by CBJ Governor Mohammad Saeed Al Nabulsi late "There is no change in the status of the Iraqi dinar," said the statement, adding that "speculation" was behind the sudden rise in the exchange value

of the dinar. The statement said the Central Bank would soon adopt "strict mea-

sures against speculators" and to "protect the interests of the public and the Jordanian and Iraqi econo-"The CBJ warning — without directly intervening in the market appeared to have worked well to disperse the frenzy for Iraqi dinars.

said Qasem Al Masri, manager of the main branch of Cairo-Amman Bank. Several other banking officials agreed with the view, and particularly noted that the CBJ warning against speculation appeared to have been taken seriously by those concerned. Banking circles and dealers agreed that there was little doubt that curren-cy speculators had built up the atmos-phere leading up to Saturday's frenzy

dinars in Saturday's frenzy with hopes of high returns.

Black market dealers and their

Enlisting the witting on unwitting support of unlicensed moneychangers, the masterminds behind the scam used the weekend to spread rumours that it was only a matter of weeks before the United Nations Security Council would relax if not lift the international sanctions agains

Iraq.
The calm reported in the military front coupled with obvious Iraqi political overtures to Washington appeared to have fuelled the speculation, drawing in hundreds to scramble for the Iraqi currency.

The payoff came Saturday, when the Iraqi dinar shot up to 100 fils in

the market, up from around 40 fils Wednesday, before slumping back to 50 to 55 fils Sunday. Bankers and moneychangers ex-pected the currency to fall further to

40 to 45 fils Monday.
"Ordinary people were the major victims of the scam," said Marwan Al Alami, head of the Alami Exchange House, a licensed moneychanger. have been advising clients not to invest in the Iraqi currency, but it seems that many were ensuared in the

"I am willing to bet that almost every household in Amman was engaged in yesterday's frantic search for fraqi dinars," he said.

Several dealers reported that many

Jordanians were enticed into selling their dollar holdings to buy Iraqi

asters took the cream of the profits," said a dealer. "They stagemanaged the scheme very carefully and unloaded their Iraqi dinars into the market at more than double the prices they paid for the currency in the past weeks and months."

Mr. Alami, whose firm was offer-

ing 55 fils to the dinar at midday day, underlined the superficiality of the exchange rates of the dinar in Iraq and Jordan, the only country where the Iraqi dinar is freely ex-"At today's rate in Jordan, one

could buy up to 11 or 12 Iraqi dinars to the dollar," he noted, "In Bagh-dad, the dollar fetches not less than 30 dinars."

"The entire exchange system for the Iraqi dinar is crooked," he added. Mr. Alami said he believed that it would take "many years" before the Iraqi currency could regain any semblance of its pre-crisis value; it was sold four to five to the American dollar in the black market prior to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August

The officially set exchange rate emains the same at \$3.1 to every

Iraqi dinar.
"Even if the U.N. were to lift the sanctions tomorrow, I don't think the Iraqi dinar could regain its value." said Mr. Alami, "Iraq needs billions and billions of dollars to stabilise itself and it would be many years before it can achieve stability."

Talal Fareed, manager of the main branch of the Jordan National Bank in Amman, said commercial banks had little to do with the upheavals in

the Iraqi currency. Unlicensed moneychangers dealing among themselves and streetside exchangers were behind the unreasonable rise and fall of the Iraqi dinar," he told the Jordan Times. The regional manager of an inter-

national bank in Amman agreed. The only explanation is that speculators who were marking time with huge amounts of hoarded !raqi diners hed in and moved out with a fat profit," said the banker, whose bank, like most other Jordanian banks. stopped all dealings in the Iraqi currency immediately after the Gulf crisis crupted in August 1990.

The exchange value of the dinar in the Iraqi market hovered between 30 and 35 to the dollar in recent weeks while the rate in Jordan slowly recovered after taking a plunge during last month's military confrontation be-tween Baghdad and the U.S.-led anti-Iraq coalition over implementation of Gulf ceasetire terms.

Bankers in Jordan are warning of two distinct pitfalls for hourders of Iragi currency: forgeries and uncerprospects for banknotes printed by the Iraqi government in the wake of the Gulf crisis.

There is no way of telling what percentage of the dinars now in the hands of Jordanians is fake." said to chief dealer at one of Jordan's leading

The official noted that there was a

large amount of forged Iraqi dinars in lings in the Iraqi currency three circulation in Iraq as well as outside. in addition to two types of legal currency; the first is nicknamed European" and the other "askari"

The term "European" stands for circulation prior to the Gulf crisis and 'askari" denotes those printed by the Iraqi government when faced with a shortage of currency and refusal hy Britain to release banknotes printed

under contract with Baghdad. "Askari" notes fetch 20 to 25 per cent less than the value of "European" notes.

The Iraqi government has accused the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), Israel, Saudi Arabia and Iran of printing and distributing hundreds of millions of Iraqi dinars in forged currency in a bid to further undermine the country's economy. it was difficult to estimate with any

degree of accuracy the volume of the Iraqi currency that changed hands in Saturday's hectic trading in the Jordanian market. But exchangers and banking offi-

cials have said that several hundred million Iraqi dinars were in the hands of speculators in Jordan alone.

In addition, some banking officials say the billions of Iraqi dinars "European") that were transferred to speculators in the Gulf states notably Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates (UAE), in the past two years appears to be slowly making heir way back to Jordan after the Ruwait central bank banned all deal-

months ago.

According to the international cles, hoarders of Iraqi currency run the risk of losing all such holdings if the Iraqi government were to declare Iraqi notes printed in Europe and in the "askari" notes null and void at any given point in time,

On the other hand, some observers recall that the Iraqi government had faced a similar situation in 1976 but opted to continue to honour locally printed banknotes even after finding itself under heavy pressure to with-

They also note that President Saddam Hussein, although not holding presidency, was effectively in contro of running the country during that

"Iraq has an excellent track record of honouring its own currency under all circumstances," said an observer. "It is a matter of national pride for the Iraqis which will not easily be sacrificed by the Baathist regime in Bachdad.

Reports from Baghdad said Sunday that the dinar was gaining strength and prices were falling in the Iraqi market against rumours that the sanctions were to be lifted soon.

"Iraq's economy, battered with 30 months of a blanket embargo, reacts quickly to rumours and news that Baghdad is looking for an accom-modation with (U.S. President Bill) Clinton, said a Baghdad trader

## Satellite channel goes on the air May 2

By Saad Silawi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's satellite television channel will become formally operational on May 2, 1993, the 40th anniversary of His Majesty King Hussein's assump-tion of his constitutional powers and Jordan Television's (JTV) 25th anniversary, according to Jordan Radio and Television Corporation Director Radi Mr. Alkhas told the Jordan

Times that experimental transmission through this channel started in February and viewers expressed satisfaction with the programmes, he said. The new service will operate correspondents will be added

through channel 24 of Arabsat, the Arab satellite, which is financed by Arab countries. Viewer feedback from Saudi Arabia, the Gulf region and other Arab states is excellent,

Mr. Alkhas reported. He said the experimental telecasts included news programmes in Arabic, French and English, in addition to other local program-

Mr. Alkhas said that in prepa-



Radi Alkhas

To boost domestic telecasts a small television station located in Irbid has started broadcasting morning and evening program-mes for the Irbid region only, Mr. Alkhas said.

He added that a television studio in Karak will be opened soon, and similar studios will be established in different governorates before the year's end.

Mr. Alkhas said the corporaration for the formal opening, the corporation has appointed correscultural television station in the pondents for the channel in Lon- Jordan Valley in cooperation don Brussels, Paris, Vienna, New with the Ministry of Agriculture, York, Washington, Cairo, Tunis, to provide guidance and exten-and Rabat, adding that more sion services to farmers.

#### Jordan to head Arab sports panel

AMMAN (Petra) - Jordan was chosen to head an Arab sports committee charged with drafting a future working plan for sports activities and events in the Arab World, Minister of Youth Saleh Irsheidat said Saturday.

Dr. Irsheidat who participated in a recent meeting of the Arab Youth and Sports Council in Beirut said the Arab youth ministers decided that Jordan would host the Arab-African youth camp next summer.

Dr. Irsheidat said the council has established a ministerial committee to follow up the reconstruction of sports facilities in Lebanon devastated by the civil

The committee will prepare a comprehensive study, including an estimate of the reconstruction costs, the minister said.

## Jordan to begin first nursing programme for terminally ill

By Maha Addesi Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - An agreement between the General Union for Voluntary Societies (GUVS) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) was signed Sunday, to introduce a "model" community-based nursing programme to care for the terminally

ill in Jordan. The "Malath" programme, the first of its kind in Jordan, will consists of an interdisciplinary health care team of nurses trained in caring for the terminally ill. according to Joann Harrison, wife of the U.S. ambassador to Jordan, who played a leading role in the planning and establishment of the hospice programme.

"Previously, there has not been a health care resource in Jordan

could seek support when curative which USAID will provide care was no longer possible." Mrs. Parrison said. "So a group of concerned persons in the community recognised the need for such a programme," she said. "The programme goals include keeping patients at home as long us possible, and helping them to live as fully as possible and at affordable costs. The programme

also aims at educating health professionals and the general public, but most importantly it aims at supplementing and not duplicating existing services, Mrs. Harrison said, According to a founding member of the Malath programme. Joan Mary Majali, services will

be available 24 hours a day from the programme's office in Jabal 41 Weihdeh

The total cost of the program-

where patients and their families me is estimated at \$91,000 of \$53,000 in technical assistance, initial equipment and supplies. The remaining funds will be provided by GUVS.

It also stated that if the pilot project is successful, similar programmes will be established throughout the Kingdom by GUVS, and that a separate voluntary society is being established for this purpose.

Mrs. Harrison said it is important to incorporate such a programme to suit Jordan.

The hospice programme must be made "culturally acceptable for Arabs" and must be "cared for by Arabs in Jordan," she said. The agreement was signed by President of GUVS Abdullah Khatib, U.S. Ambassador to Jordan Roger Harrison and USAID Director William Oliver.

## U.N. appoints new ESCWA head

AMMAN (J.T.) — United Na-Boutros Ghali has appointed Sabah Bakjaji, as Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia (ESCWA), at the level of Under-Secretary General. Dr. Bakjaji was Syria's Minis-

ter of State for Planning in two successive cabinets, during the period 1985-1992. He was a professor at Damas-cus University (1967-1972) and served two terms as Dean of the

Faculty of Commerce, from 1973 to 1976 and again from 1981 to duties, he continued academic

activities. Dr. Bakjaji obtained the Doctorat D'Etat in actuarial sciences in 1967 from Leuven (Lougium, after obtaining a Licence in mathematical and physical sciences from Damascus University and a Licence in actuarial sciences also from Leuven.



He has authored several works and conducted research in the cluding transport economics, in-

dies related to statistical analysis, re-insurance, actuarial mathe vain) Catholic University in Bel-tics, electronic data processing and operations research.

Born in Deir Az-Zawr, Syrian Arab Republic in 1930, Dr. Bakjaji is married and has three daughters and one son.

#### Sabah Bakjaji In addition to his ministerial economic and social fields, informatics and econometrics. Dr. Bakjaji also prepared stu-

## Jordan Caritas to attend regional meeting in Beirut

AMMAN (J.T.) — Representatives of Caritas organisations age them from going abroad discuss migration of Arab nationals to foreign countries and the adverse effect of such moves on socio-economic development.

Father Mousa Adeli who heads Jordan Caritas told the Jordan Times that the meeting will discuss ways to initiate socioeconomic projects to help encourage people to remain in their own Arab region.

from Jordan and other North especially to the industrialised African and Middle East coun-nations where there are comtries are opening a week-long plaints of high unemployment meeting in Beirut Monday to and economic recession, Father Adeli said.

The meeting will also be attended by organisations specialising in migration and providing assistance to Third World countries in order to boost their socio-economic development, he

Father Henry Boulad, president of the Near East and North Caritas policy is to help the Africa region will preside over indigenous population to settle in the Beirut meetings.



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#### Inch closer to Black Sea

THE ONGOING visit of a high-level Jordanian delegation headed by Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ben Zeid to the new independent Islamic republics appears to be producing instant and positive results on the diplomatic and economic levels. Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Azerbaijan have all agreed to forge closer relations with Jordan in the wake of His Majesty the King's decision to send the delegation there. Closer ties with those countries could be translated into not only warmer political relations but also cultural and economic as well.

Many states from various regions of the world are rushing to establish contacts with the new independent Islamic countries in the wake of the collapse of former Soviet Union, since most of the Islamic tier in former U.S.S.R. are rich in resources and well endowed with yet unexplored wealth and economic potential. But what binds Jordan with these countries and their peoples goes beyond trade and commerce. Being Islamic, we share with them and the rest of the Arab World common religion and culture, on the basis of which stronger relationships can be forged. In due course, many Arab and Islamic embassies will be opened in these countries to give expression to the newly-initiated contacts.

Jordan no doubt will be among those countries that would pioneer this trend. Given the warm and friendly receptions accorded our delegation, in Baku, Tashkent and Bishkek, we can expect reciprocal visits from the governments of the three states to Jordan in the near future. This is a time for getting acquainted with the unique opportunities that the Islamic countries in the Black Sea region can offer and an occasion to establish new. bridges with them. As those Muslim countries had lived under the heavy shadow of U.S.S.R. for a long time contacts between them and the rest of the Islamic and Arab worlds were indeed difficult and remained at a low level. Now that they are free and breathing freely away from the domination of Moscow, however, they can be expected to highlight their own identities and open the road for stronger ties with the rest of the international community on the basis of their unique circumstances and background. Jordan therefore has done well to take the initiative in starting relations with them. And we hope the step can be followed up in a manner which serves the mutual interests of all

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

THE U.N. Security Council has washed its hands of Resolution 799, concerning the repatriation of the deported Palestinians, by declaring that the U.S.-Israeli compromise of returning 100 of the expelled men only was sufficient and a step in the right direction. said Al Rai' Arabic daily Sunday. In fact, such a declaration constituted a way of escaping from the duty of implementing the resolution and tricking the world community into believing that the Israelis were indeed implementing the resolution while in reality they are not, said the paper. It is also strange to hear the Arab League secretary general issuing a statement accepting the compromise at a time when the evictees' issue is far from being resolved, the daily added. Indeed, the U.N. announcement that it accepts the compromise represents a defeat for the United Nations Organisation and its Charter and provides another evidence that the Security Council has been transformed into another tool in the hand of the United States State Department, the paper continued. The ignominious behaviour of the U.N. Security Council vis-a-vis Resolution 799 sets a very dangerous precedent that could be repeated with resolutions 242 and 338, the paper warned. It said that now, in the light of this development. Israel is expected to conclude another compromise formula with the U.S. administration concerning the other council resolutions, rendering them void of any substance and inapplicable. In the light of these developments, the paper added, it would not look strange to the world if the Israelis and the Americans concluded another formula, paving the way for a perpetuated Israeli occupation of Arab lands.

A COLUMNIST in Sawt Al Shaab daily discussed the plight of the Iraqi people under the sanctions which are taking the lives of hundreds of thousands of women and children every year. Sameh Hanandeh said that shortages of drugs and food have taken their toll among the civilian population while the U.S.-led aggression on the Iraqi nation continues unabated. The continued sanctions on Iraq provide evidence of the magnitude of the crime being committed by the American and Zionist alliance against the Arab Nation and against humanity at large, the writer noted. He said that while none of the U.N. resolutions concerning Palestine has been implemented, the Security Council, which is under constant U.S. influence, continues to impose the unjust sanctions that have wasted innocent lives. The killing of women and children through starvation and deprivation of the basic needs of lives constitutes a shameful crime serving as a stigma in the history of mankind, the writer added. He said that the Arab countries, which hold the power to terminate the sanctions and rescue the endangered lives of the Iraqi people, ought to take the first step to about the U.S.-Zionist aggression on the Arab Nation.

Weekly Political Pulse

# Commission on freedom, democracy and human rights — what is missing?

The country took another giant step in the direction of building on His Majesty King Hussein's proposal last year to establish a centre on freedom, democracy and human rights in the Arab World when His Majesty named the 20-member commission charged with the task of translating this ambitious idea into practice. Presumably, the first agenda item will be the enactment of a law on the establishment of such a centre on the basis of

which it will be structured and start functioning.

It is puzzling, however, that the ministries of Justice, Interior and Foreign Affairs were not included in the commission. After all, it is the Ministry of Justice that will have to spearhead the legislative effort aimed at filling in the gaps in existing Jordanian laws touching on these domains. The Ministry of Interior is the most concerned with the application of the process of democratisation in the Kingdom and there is no excuse to keep it out of the endeavours of the commission. As for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, it is the most acquainted with Jordan's treaty obligations in the realm of human rights. To exclude it from the works of the ssion is to deprive the commission of very valuable and pasic information on where the country stands on the various international human rights instruments.

Since the commission is established by a Royal decree, it is for all intents and purposes a governmental agency. The exclusion of basic ministries from its membership is untenable and needs to be

The time will also come when the composition of the board of trustees to govern the centre and articulate its regional policies will have to be expanded to comprise eminent personalities from other parts of the Arab World. As long as the scope of the centre

is regional, it is just not possible to formulate guidelines on freedom, democracy and human rights on the basis of the experiences of Jordanian nationals alone, no matter how well they may be versed or interested in civil and political rights embracing contemporary norms and standards on human rights.

The international dimension is also weefully lacking in the composition of the national commission entrusted with the obligation of founding the suggested centre, physically and figuratively. Since Jordan and the Arab World cannot be expected to examine such important and pressing issues as freedom, democracy and human rights in isolation from the international scene, it would have been advisable to include people who are well-versed in the U.N. and other international organisations on human rights in order to make available the jurisprudence of several international bodies on human rights and related issues to the members of the commission.

Since there is also a fine line that separates human rights from humanitarian law, greater efforts should have been exerted to include people who are also aware of such humanitarian subjects in the context of the broader topic of democracy, freedom and human rights. Against this backdrop, one cannot think of a better or more capable personality to head the newly created commission than His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan who is not only well-acquainted with all the issues that the proposed centre will address but also fully cognisant of the many international dimensions of these subjects. In retrospect, the national commission created for this purpose should be renamed as the Royal Commission under the honourary chairmanship of Prince Hassan

and composed of people from other parts of the Arab World as well as people acquainted with the centre's international dimension. Otherwise, the entire exercise will remain provincial, drawing only on the unique national experiences gathered from the Jordanian scene.

It would be presumptuous to assume that any of the people who are manning the commission can speak for the issues of democracy and human rights in the entire Arab World. Many Arab states have their own special problems, interpretations and experiences Jordan can draw on as well for developing further the Jordanian democratic process. Clearly no Arab state has a monopoly on what is right and what is wrong when it comes to the quest for democracy and human rights. It would be prudent, therefore, to address this deficiency as soon as possible.

In due course, the Jordanian commission will have to establish bridges with other existing Arab committees dealing with human rights, whether on the national or regional basis. There are several such Arab institutions that have already made considerable headway in the promotion and protection of human rights. In this vein, the existing Arab institutions are both governmental and non-governmental. A decision would also have to be made whether, in the final analysis, the Jordanian commission for the examination of freedom, democracy and human rights is going to

function as a governmental organisation or as an NGO.

To be sure, there are other related issues that need to be ironed out in the future. The most constructive approach is to hold a regional conference on this subject before any additional steps are taken in this regard.

#### Coalition armies widen role in Somalia

By Christopher Burns The Associated Press

GAILALASSI, Somalia - The U.S. led military mission to halt cian warfare and get aid to the needy has unofficially widened its role to include such tasks as rebuilding houses, digging wells Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. and creating police forces.

In Gailalssi, a town of Officials call it "mission

italy's 187th Parachute Regiment came to Gailalassi in December on a mission to stop clan thers and bandits from looting relief shipments intended for

starving people.

This week they were laying bricks and hammering tiles on the roofs of damaged houses. They already had rebuilt the hospital and fixed a well.

In Mogadishu, a 3,000-member police force is being set up by coalition forces to assume traffic control and monitor feeding cen-

When you're on a mission. you always want to move forward, not backward. You look for things to do," said Col. Fred Peck, the U.S. forces spokesman. But Col. Peck warned there have to be limits or the foreign troops might get "mired deeper"

The United States wants to pull most of its remaining 19,000 troops out as soon as possible and turn the mission over to a U.N. force. The Security Council is expected to debate approval of as "capitano biscotti" or captain

the new Somalia operation soon. cookie, because of his sweet Whoever agrees to carry on the handouts.

effort, reconstruction and social peace and keeping famine at bay.

Those measures are called for in a U.N. study prepared for a March 9 donors' conference in

In Gailalassi, a town of 8,000 people, 160 kilometres north of the capital, Italian troops initially confiscated weapons and patrol-led the area while the Save The Children relief agency handed out food.

Col. Tiziano Nizzoli, the civilian liaison officer, said some Somalis were wounded in gunbattles with the troops, who suffered no casualties. When the threat decreased, the

Italians turned to non military projects such as fixing and rebuilding schools and hospitals. Col. Nizzoli is helping provide veterinary care for livestock.

organising trash collection and

even a mail service via Italy. About 60 Somalis work for him and get paid with food. He wants to persuade Italian businesses to return to Somalia, which Italy ruled as colony or

protectorate for nearly 80 years until independence in 1960. Many of the local Somalis speak Italian. "I don't need an interpreter. That makes it a lot easier to find out what they need," said Col. Nizzoli, known to town children

Somalis interviewed in the services will be key to keeping the town said there was no resentment over Italian colonial rule, though some accused Italy of siding with Mohammad Siad Barre before the dictator fled the country in January 1991.

> Ensuing clan warfare left Somalia devastated and faminestricken, leading to the allied intervention in December.

With more than 3,000 troops in Somalia, Italy has the secondlargest force in the multinational coalition after the United States. Aid officials said they were welcome in Gailalassi.

"They know this place, and because of the common language, no one was killed when the Italians took over the area," said Ali Haji Shriva, assistant director of Save The Children in Gailalassi. Gailalassi and the rest of the country still requires huge

amounts of aid. Dr. Vincenzo Oddo of SOS Cooperazione, an Italian relief instead of glass panes in the windows of one ward at the hos-

"We need chairs, tables and windows," he said. Italian patrols are still seizing weapons, and because of persis-

tent banditry further north, the

army planned to move its base to

Bula Burd, 50 kilometres away.,

businesses in the Middle East, patent office will be very pleased they must first "make sure their to cooperate with your country," technology is secure," Mr. Weg- he said.

#### to tech transfer, investment encouraging investment and tech- inform officials of other countries nology transfer, Mr. Wegner about U.S. customs laws and

By Rosalind Mandine Murphy WASHINGTON — Developing countries can encourage foreign investment and the transfer of technology by establishing laws protecting intellectual and industrial property rights and strictly enforcing these laws, according to two U.S. experts.

Harold Wegner, director of the Intellectual Property Law Programme at George Washington University's Law Centre, and Timothy Trainer, a senior attorney with the U.S. Customs Service, discussed the protection of intellectual property rights during a Feb. 9 Worldnet "Symposium" television programme with participants in Amman, Beirut and

Asked about the transfer of technology from industrialised to to developing countries, Mr. Wegner, said this transfer is wholly dependent on providing effecteration from the three major

opportunity" to develop their suggest

Intellectual property laws key

Educating the business community to the legal problems in-volved in copyright, patent and trademark infringement will also contribute to a healthy investment environment, he added.

tive protection of the technology.

Patent offices in the world, lower while many companies in incated in Munich, Tokyo and dustrialised states "would like the Washington, D.C., Mr. Wegner

To this end, issuing patents and "does work with the other govestablishing effective patent laws ernments to establish enforcement the best way of protecting ment measures" of copyright and technology," he said. Once these laws are established, their strict noted. Customs Service repreenforcement is a necessary step to sentatives often travel abroad to cy.

procedures, he said.

Mr. Wegner advised developing countries to join the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), Mr. Trainer noted. established by the United Nations World Intellectual Property Organisation. By doing so, the United Nations will handle the administration of patent granting procedures and allow developing countries to save on the cost of establishing their own patent offices, he said. Fifty-five countries are now members of the

In addition, developing countries can and should seek coop-

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presently "working closely with the Customs Cooperation Council in Brussels and talking with many countries" about developing an international computerised database to exchange information on trademarks and copyrights,

Commenting on the future of international agreements on intellectual property rights, Mr. Wegner criticised the failure of agreement in the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) talks last year, saying it was "a very sad event." The failure of the talks will lead to a-'more ad hoc and bilateral" approach to discussions and agreements on intellectual property rights, he said.

Mr. Trainer said that while the GATT talks failed to produce. agreement, the talks did provide basic groundwork in the future for intellectual property rights agreement.

"A lot of good things came out. of the discussions," he said." Even if there is no agreement," he added, the groundwork laid by the talks "can be applied to bilateral agreements."

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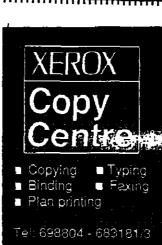
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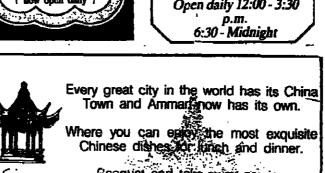


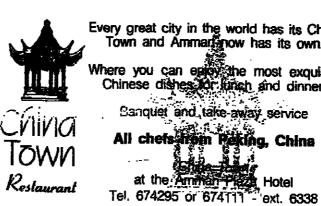




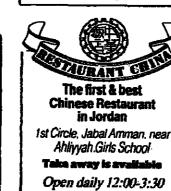












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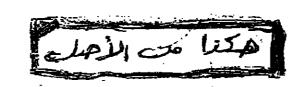
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## King meets with committee on Amman centre

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id our forefathers at the begin ing of this century when their ation faced a period of chalinge, ingratitude and oppresion. It is therefore imperative hat membership in the centre be pen to all free Arabs in the same ray that the honour of joining he Great Arab Revolt was availble to all free and noble Arabs spiring to the unity and glory of heir nation. Only this way will pur centre be a haven sought by hose who believe in human ights, freedom and democracy round the globe, those who have affered the pain of incarceration and abuse, those who have paiently weathered indignity in their search for a world ennobled

by freedom, justice and human The defence of people's freedoms, boistered by cooperation with Arab and international organisations of a similar bent, requires a strengthening of budding democratic practices in the Arab lands which may choose to adopt this approach. This is because the role of the centre is to instill the concept of freedom in those who suffer from oppression. It lies in exposing the evil of despotism and in inculcating patterns of thought based on a free, modern and rational discourse rooted in our nation's true traditions and in the most radiant manifestations of its benevolent message. It also lies in achieving a profound understanding of the contemporary world, and of the current change that requires comprehension of today's forces in order to expand the scope of freedom and progress worldwide, and in order to study the prerequisites for the achievement of balance between

knowledge, power and wealth as

show a growing hard line by both

sides," a Western diplomat said.

More than 250 members of the

security forces have died in

ambushes or clashes with fun-

damentalists since a state of

emergency was imposed in

February last year during political

The state of emergency, ex-

tended indefinitely last week, was

decreed after violence erupted

when the army-backed author-

ties in January 1992 cancelled a

general election dominated by

Military courts have conde-

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the now-outlawed Islamic Salva-

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these changes are being made." "In order for poets to express themselves freely, in a secure environment unmarked by oppression or individual tyransy an environment in which children can sleep in peace and comfort, without being terrorised by fear, subjugation, or a sense of siege - we must stand up to illiteracy, hunger, disease, fear, tyranny, plunder, alienation, religious and sectarian extremism. and any other form of assault on man's freedom, rights and digni-

"We are strengthened by our tradition of facing poverty with pride, our kins' injustices with fortitude, and ignorance with cracy and human rights in the knowledge. The enlightened Arab World. Jordanian vision and our commitserved as beacons at a time that has been the collapse of the fearful and the desertion of the hesitant. Jordan has remained a shining light guiding those who seek freedom. It has retained its unified spirit, with a clear vision and a dignified reputation. It is a rich depository of martyrs and innovators, and a true example of serene fortitude, self-abnegation, and opposition to tyranny and oppression. Let this centre, therefore, be the bridge that revives our links with the era of Al Hussein Ben Ali and of Abdul Rahman Al Kawakibi. Let it reemphasise the human values of freedom and noble-mindedness, the creative pursuits of writing and clear-

our children's textbooks and in the lecture-halls of our universities. Let it be protected by the zeal of our soldiers. Let the dream of freedom from oppression and the attainment of the Arab individual's rights be a prelude to future unity, or at least, let it sustain the dream of unity in our hearts from the agony of its rejuvenation, the struggles of its intellectuals and the democracy of its regions to declare its freedom, its unity and its great universal presence.'

Director of the centre Najib Al Rashdan thanked the King on behalf of the founding committee for his confidence in them and pledged to exert every sincere effort to turn the centre into a beacon for right, freedom, demo-

"While implementing the ment towards the Arabs have Royal Decree, we pledge to exert our utmost and sincere efforts to turn this centre into a beacon of brilliancee for legitimacy, freedom, democracy and human rights in our Arab World, guided by your Majesty's wisdom and directives," Mr. Rashdan said.

He said the King had launched "the march of freedom, democracy and human rights in Jordan, by announcing the establishment of this centre to enable the march to succeed and to turn it into a daily way of life for individuals and communities.

"Experiences of the Arab World during this century and the challenges facing it, have shown that had Arab countries adopted freedom, democracy and recogniheaded awareness. Let it point tion of human rights as an out the dangers of oppression, approach, the objectives of the disarray, civil wars, plunder or Great Arab Revolt in freedom national resources, absence of and unity would have been vision, narrow-mindedness and achieved and the barriers imimmorality. Let the torches of posed by the imperialist would freedom, fuelled by the light of have been removed long time our consciences, be enshrined in ago," Mr. Rashdan said.

#### Foreign minister under criticism

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the House with the names of be improper to reveal the names citizens who have received assistance from the National Aid

Mr. Ekour, who had asked for the names in a letter he sent to the minister, said he would request an official questioning of the minister ahead of withholding confidence from him if the list is not made available to the House within a week.

In his response to the deputy. Mr. Mashaqbeh, who is recovering from surgery and did not attend the session, said it would

of the fund's beneficiaries, but said any deputy or official authority can review them at the minis-

Minister of Labour Abdul Karim Al Kabariti responded on behalf of the social development minister and said he has a list of the names which he will provide to the House.

During its two-hour session, the House also endorsed the decision of its Administrative Committee to refer some citizens' complaints to the government.

#### Abu Jaber reports success of talks

possess to get this resolution fold. (799) implemented."

porters about the U.N. formula But it is natural that the situation but he made no comment.

and Arab countries bordering Israel — Jordan, Syria, Lebanon and the Iraqi land is extremely and Egypt — Dr. Abu Jaber said: important for us. This is a coordination is continuing and tactical one," he added. the next meeting would be held in

"We are not mediating because Mr. Sharaa was asked by re- we were not asked to mediate. in Iraq concerns Jordan as it Asked whether any time was concerns Syria," Dr. Abu Jaber fixed for a meeting of Palestinians said.

"The unity of the Iraqi people "We discussed this issue. Arab strategic and vital issue and not a

President Assad was asked af-Damascus. But no time has been ter talks with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak in Damascus Dr. Abu Jaber said his talks. Tuesday about Iraq's attempts to with Syrian leaders covered the return to the Arab fold and he situation in Iraq but he denied said inter-Arab ties should be Amman was trying to mediate maintained on a strategic and not between Iraq and Arab countries a tactical basis.

#### Saddam urges dialogue with Clinton

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Vietnam war, the Gulf war, and "I simply believe that we can pave the way for building new relations based on mutual respect U.S. military actions against Panama, Grenada and Libya. and legitimate interests regard-He denounced the bombing

less of what had happened." raids ordered on Iraq last month Mr. Clark, who also had talks to enforce "no-fly zones" over northern and southern Iraq. A with Deputy Prime Minister factory and hotel in Baghdad Tareq Aziz and Foreign Minister were also struck by U.S. cruise Mohammad Saeed Al Sahaf durmissiles in an attack on what ing his visit to Baghdad, was not Washington said was an Iraqi available to comment on his meeting with President Saddam, nuclear weapons facility. Mr. Clark told reporters before

Exiles urge Arabs to reject U.N. move

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arrange for the return of all the ters should continue to strongly

Mr. Clark, a leading U.S. antithe meeting that the best way to war activist, served the Johnson start a new U.S. relationship with administration as attorney gener-Iraq would be to ease the United al from 1967-68. He opposed the Nations sanctions.

Rabin expects **Palestinians** at talks

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visited Syria said Sunday that Damascus sees no link between the repatriation of evictees and the resumption of the peace talks. Sen. Arlen Specter, a Pennsylvania Republican, stopped in Egypt on the last leg of a Middle East tour that included visits to

Syria, Jordan and Israel. Repub-

lican senators Hank Brown from

Colorado and James M. Jeffords from Vermont accompanied him. The senators held talks with President Hosni Mubarak on the

peace process "The problem with the deportees is obviously a problem but even in Syria we were told that there is no linkage between the deportees and the peace talks,"

Mr. Specter told reporters. "The deportation issue has to be dealt with but I think the Syrians are interested in moving

ahead," he added. Syria, like all Arab countries involved in the peace process, has unisted that Israel return all the evictees before returning to the negotiating table.

dnan Ömran, a Syrian assistunt secretary general of the Arab. League, said Sunday that the Security Council compromise on the return of the evictees was not enough and Israel should take them all back as soon as possible.

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Middle East peace talks stalled by the expulsions. But Palestinian negotiators still insist all of the alleged Islamic militants Israel forced into exile on Dec. 17 must be allowed back before they will return to the

evictees as soon as possible.

The Israeli proposal to take

back 101 and cut exile terms for

peace talks "I don't think Arab countries will go back to negotiations (with (srael) before the (expellees) can

return," Dr. Rantisi said. He said the Arab foreign minis-

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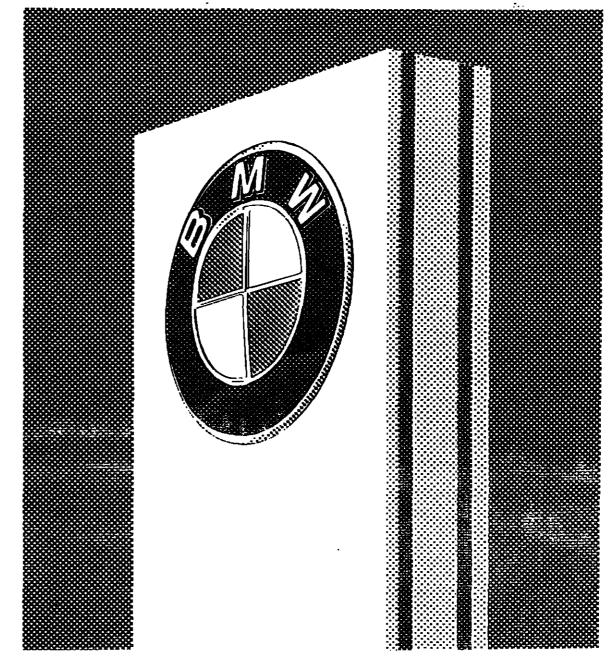
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#### Militants attack Algerian schoolbus (Continued from page 1)

year for violence. Six men, including two members of the milit-Four policemen died Saturday. gunned down in the Algiers subary, have now been put to death urb of Al Harrach less than 24 hours after the authorities in a month — the first such execution for decades.

announced they had executed The gendarmerie said the chilfour fundamentalists. dren on the minibus attacked on Gendarmerie headquarters Saturday were being taken to a said soldiers Saturday killed three primary school from outside the fundamentalists near Bounouh town of Reghaia, 40 kilometres Tizli, 48 kilometres south of the east of Algiers. capital. Another had been killed

"The driver...was seriously shortly before, it said in a statewounded by three terrorists armed with a submachinegun and two automatic pistols, it said several hours before announcing "The attack on Nezzar, the deaths on Saturday and now the that he had died. The attackers bus incident, plus the executions fled in a car. announced by the authorities.

Fundamentalists have been blamed for killing 41 civilians, including parents of security force members. But there have been no previous attacks directly involving children.

Commenting on the attack on Nezzar, the newspaper Al security matters, said government members and other state officials were now living in a "protected

A diplomat commented: "The attempt to kill him seemed to show good intelligence about his movements, a fairly sophisticated operation, with an equally sophisticated bomb.

#### Israelis kill youth near **Nablus**

(Continued from page 1)

A. Foreign Ministry spokesman meanwhile said Egypt rejects Israel's unjustified escalation of violence in the occupied territor-

He said the use by Israeli forces of anti-tank rockets and explosives to destroy houses in Gaza represents a flagrant violation of the Geneva agreement and other international accords. "Such practices constitute a genuine obstacle to peace," the spokesman, Nagi Al Ghatreify

The Arab League is scheduled to meet next Tuesday to consider the Israeli measures against the and Gaza.

Esmat Abdul Meguid, secret ary general of the 21-member oup, told reporters Saturday the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) requested the meeting after Israeli occupation forces cracked down harshly on Palestinians in recent weeks

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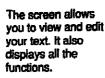


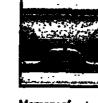
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Winners of the Women's Super Giant Slalom, Sylvia Eder of Austria (2nd place, left), Katja Seizinger of Germany (winner, center), and Astrid Loedemei of Norway (3rd place, right) raise their hands after the race at the Alpine World Ski Championships in Shizukuishi, Japan (AFP photo)



## Faisali lose, but retain semifinal berth

By Aleen Bannayan Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Jordan's Al Faisali Sudnay lost 1-0 to Egypt's Al Ismaili in the final match of the first round at the 8th Arab Soccer League Champions' Tournament held in Qatar. With this result, Al Faisa-

li took second place in Group 1 and will meet Saudi Arabia's Al Shabab in the semifinals Tuesday. while Al Ismaili will play Qatar's Al Arabi. Unlike their first match at

the tournament, in which they scored a 7-2 win over the United Arab Emirates' Al Shabab club, Al Faisali played a dull and unimpressive match in which their opponents had a clear upperhand.

Both teams did not have any real chances throughout the first half as they were clearly overcautious. Al Faisali depended on long passes which were successfully intercepted by Al Ismaili's defence. The first half ended in a scoreless draw.

Al Ismaili's strikers led more serious attacks and scored the match's only goal



Milad Ahhasi

in the first minutes of the second half. Three minutes later Al Ismaili failed to capitalise on another easy chance which was blocked by Al Faisali's goalkeeper Milad Abbasi. On the other hand, Al

Ismaili's goalkeeper, Sa'fan Al Sagheer, was not tested much as Al Faisali's wellknown top scorers Jiryes Tadros, Jamal Abu Abed, and Subhi Suleiman had a disappointing performance.

Despite the loss, Al Faisali qualified for the semifinals alongside Al Ismali from Group 1, while Saudi Arabia's Al Shabab qualified from Group 2 after they beat Tunisia's Al Taraji 3-2. The fourth qualifying team Al Arabi, beat Palestine's Al Quds 4-0.

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Opening lead: Seven of \*
Only players with a death wish would consider playing to the first trick before developing a strategy for the entire campaign. Here's a typical example, adapted from a hand that cropped up many years ago in a world championship match between Italy and the U.S.

Suppose you reach three no tremp on a natural auction such as the above. West leads the seven of species, you play low from dummy

The sensible thing would be to knock out the diamond ace, refuse the club finesse and concede down one. You blew the contract by post-poning your planning until after you

had played from dummy to the first trick! You can't make nine tricks without getting one extra trick in clubs, and as soon as West gains the lead, a spede through the table's Q 10 gives the defenders more than enough tricks to defeat you. Now let's see what would happen if you were to play the queen of

spades from dummy on the opening lead. The best East can do is win the ace of spades and shift to a club. Since a finesse could lead to defeat. you rise with the ace of clubs and end the king of diamonds. If that holds, you can revert to clubs and are guaranteed nine tricks. Should East win the diamond, no return can

Is this a sure-trick line? No. You will go down to defeat if a diabolic East shifted to a club away from the king and West holds the ace of diamonds. But on any other lie of the cards at least nine tricks are in the

## Seles and Navratilova in showdown final

ratilova has won the Virginia Slims of Chicago a dozen times, but she will have to get past world number one Monica Seles in the final if she wants to claim a lucky 13th title.

The second-seeded Navratilova blew hot and cold in defeating Katerina Maleeva of Bulgaria 6-0 4-6 6-1, while Seles overwhelmed third-seeded Mary Joe Fernandez 6-3 6-0 in her semifinal Saturday in this \$375,000 tournament. The finalists exchanged compli-

ments ahead of their showdown. "With Monica," Navratilova said, "I just hope I can see the ball. I'll be at the net trying to see

her laser beam passing shots."
"She (Navratilova) loves this surface," Seles said about the defending champion. "It's made for her.

Last year, Seles won three of four matches against Navratilova, losing only in the Los Angeles final. They most recently met in the season-ending championships in New York last November, with Seles prevailing in the final 7-5 6-3 6-1. Overall, Seles leads their series 9-6.

"The last match in New York, everybody said I got blown out, that I was embarrassed," Navratilova said. "I just hope she doesn't play as well as that."

Navratilova needed just 18 minutes to win the first set against Maleeva, but the 23-year-old

CHICAGO (R) - Martina Nav- Bulgarian rallied in the second. 2-6 6-4 in his semifinal. She broke Navratilova at love in the first game and at 30 in the

seventh as she levelled the match. Navratilova reasserted her dominance in the final set but afterwards said it hurt her to have had such an easy time at the start.

"Sometime you don't want to win a set 6-0 Because you can only get worse, you can't get any better," she said. "I didn't pick it up and she did." The highlight of the Seles-

Fernandez match came at the

start as Fernandez held seven

break opportunities in a

marathon 15-minute opening

game but could not cash in. After that Seles wore down Fernandez, who committed 30 unforced errors and lost for the 15th time in 16 matches against the Yugoslav.

> Martin reaches Memphis final

Upset king Todd Martin made second-seeded Michael Chang his latest victim with a straight-set victory at the \$780,000 St. Jude International Saturday that lifted him into his first career final.

Martin, ranked 96, defeated Chang 7-6 6-4 to advance to Sunday's final and his biggest challenge yet - world number one Jim Courier, who defeated sixth-seeded Amos Mansdorf 7-6

Prior to this week, Martin had

never beaten anyone ranked in the top 10. Here he ousted world number seven Chang and eighthranked Andre Agassi in successive days. In the second round he eliminated 12th-seeded fellow-American David Wheaton.

"I've waited 22 years for it," Martin said of this dream week. "It feels great. It's definitely my best stretch of tennis."

Courier, who last month repeated as Australian Open champion, survived another spirited challenge in beating Mansdorf on his way to the final.

It was the third successive three-set win for Courier, who survived a match point in both his third-round match against Brett Steven of New Zealand and his quarter-final against fellow-American Jonathan Stark.

Martin, who towers over Chang physically, overpowred the favourite bolstered by his new-found confidence.

"I played a little bit too tentative the whole match," said Chang. "He was able to get a lot of good first serves in and was not letting up a lot on his second

Becker swings into Milan final

Boris Becker blasted his way

into the final of the Milan Men's Indoor Tennis Tournament when he overwhelmed unseeded Australian Wally Masur Saturday. Second seed Becker served 15

aces as he muscled past masur 6-4 7-6 in 11/2 hours to set up a final against unseeded Spaniard Sergi Bruguera who beat Czech third seed Petr Korda 6-4 0-6 7-5 in the first semifinal.

Masur reached deuce only once on Becker's serve and won just 11 points in the German's 11 service ames. The match was appropriately wrapped up when Becker served three aces in the tie-break.

"I got 67 per cent of my first serves in and that makes me happy because anything over 60 per cent for me is unusual. Masur, ranked 37 places below Becker at 41 in the world, was fighting out of his division in

more ways than one. The tale of the tape - his 1.80 metres and 76 kg to Becker's 1.92 metres and 85 kg -- showed itself clearly in their respective service

The Australian's first serve was timed at an average of 165 kph, about 25 kph slower than the

average Becker missile. Becker, not content with his excellent form, went straight to the practice courts after the match to tune his game for the final.

would retire from athletics next

Christie, who won both the 100 and 200 metres races at the Australian Sugar Games with consumate ease, said he was ready to race American Lewis, the man he. dethroned as Olympic sprint

The 32-year-old Briton, who became the oldest Olympic 100 metres champion when he won in Barcelona last year in Lewis's absence, said he was not plan-ningto defend his title in Atlanta in 1996.

"I still want to sort out Lewis once and for all. That's my aim for this year. Next year is my last year and that's that.

"I know in myself I can beat him and I'll race him anywhere, anytime," Christie said.

Christie finished second to Lewis in the 1988 Seoul Olympics after Canadian Ben Johnson was disqualified, but did not face him in Barcelona because the American failed to qualify.

No date has been set for the two Olympic champions to meet, but they will almost certainly race at least once this season at the World Championships in Stuttgart in August whre Lewis will attempt to defend his crown and Christie to win the one major title that has eluded him. Christie, who has been training

weeks, appeared to run within himself in winning Sunday's 100 metres in a time of 10.35 seconds from Australian Steve Brimacombe, second in 10.55 Christie, who went on to win

the 200 metres by more than half a second in 20. 74, said he had felt nervous racing again. "I didn't know if I still had the

determination to go on with racing and winning," he said.

#### HOROSCOPE

FORECAST FOR MONDAY FEBRUARY 15, 1993 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: This day can start off with a bang, and you may have to hoof it early morning, but the evening shows much promise as one of quiet. Introspection can indeed assist

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) The morning brings you many new ideas and plans of action that can be helpful to you in the future; tonight finds you able to reduce these to workable, practical suc-

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You have suggestions from a confidential advisor on how best to gain a well rounded life; tonight do those things required of you for this purpose.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21)
Many ideas course through your
consciousness on how to gain a
personal desire while later you find you need to probe how to make such a reality.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Start the day at vocational duties in the outside world or with the public but later you can put and gain your own intimate longings. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Be alert to all kinds of interesting new activities that can catapault you forward while later you would be wise to attent to credit, civic condi-

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is the moment for you to

get into whatever accounts etc. awaiting your attention, get them is back of you; then look out for

new activities you like. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Bring into the open now your plans for cooperative matters in the future; after which you can convince partners how to handle

specific details. SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Pitch into and tasks facing you early in the day with enthusiasm and you get quick, good results while later you see new activities to engage in.

SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Get busy to quickly obtain some benefit your attachment expects you to make special efforts to gain; then back an associate in that persons ideas.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Concentrate as much attention as possible in the morning on home problems eventhough in the outside world while later you can put across a practical raient. AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) A morning when you see all sorts of means by which you can increase your productivity but tonight do what will add to your happiness at home.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) You now can see smart ways to have more of this worlds goods so start action in such a direction; tonight brings a chance to get out statements and reports.



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#### Ottey break own world records Bubka and LIEVIN, France (R) - The year after he had "sorted out Carl Lewis once and for all."

irrepressible Sergei Bubka and the irresistible Merlene Ottey broke their own world records in a sensational day of indoor athletics Saturday.
Ukrainian Bubka, throwing

aside all thoughts of tiredness after a 23-hour flight from Japan, set the 33rd world record of his astounding career when he cleared 6.14 metres in the pole vault, one centimetre higher than his previous mark. Bubka was stung into action

when his arch-rival Rodion Gatauilin of Russia threw down the gauntlet with a six-metre clearance. The Ukrainian replied with 6.05 metres at the first attempt and then 6.14 at the second in the first meeting ever to see two vaulters clear six metres. Ottey, putting behind her a

succession of disappointments at major championships, ran her best race at the age of 32 as she shattered her own women's indoor record by 0.37 seconds. The Jamaican ran away on her own, after Russian rival Irina Privalova pulled out of the meeting with a fever, to clock 21.87

woman under the 22-second bar-Russian Lyudmila Narozhilenko chose the occasion to equal her own world record in the women's 60 metres hurdles

with a time of 7.69 seconds.

Canadian sprinter Bruny Surin produced the second fastest 60metre indoor run ever in 6.45 seconds and Namibia's Frankie Fredericks was within onehundredth of a second of the men's 200 metres record with 20.37 seconds.

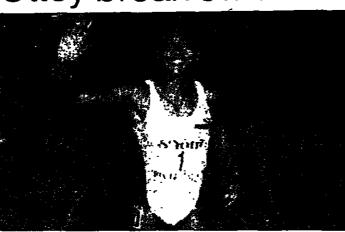
Frenchman Bruno Marie-Rose's six-year-old world 200 first time that the six-metre metres record of 20.36 seconds was set on the same Lievin track.

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Jamaican Merjene Ottey waves to the crowd at the Lievin Indoor Stadium after breaking her 200 metres world record (AFP photo)

Russian middle-distance runner Lyubov Kremylova came within a whisker of yet another world record in the women's 1,000 metres, winning in two minutes 34.84 seconds. The record, set 15 years ago by German Brigitte Krans, is a hand-timed

Bubka's phenomenal performance took his tally to 17 world seconds and become the first indoor records to add to his 16 outdoor. He set eight world re-cords in 1991 and four last year and his first of 1993 was the sixth he had set in France. Apart from the satisfaction of

beating Gataullin, a rival who could hardly be described as a friend, Bubka had the considerable pleasure of beating Olympic champion Maxim Tarasov of Bubka had a rare failure at last

year's Barcelona Games when he did not manage to make a valid In a day of premiers, it was the

height has been cleared three times at the same meeting.

Ottey, who collected a double by winning the 60 metres in 7.01 seconds, was overjoyed by her triumph. "I didn't think I was on such good form," she said. "I can hardly believe it. I haven't run anything like this fat for two

The Jamaican, sensing the 200 metres record was on, glanced up at the electronic scoreboard as she came out of the last bend and put her head down as she surged for the line. She left Mary Onvali of Nigeria trailing by more than a second

Charles of France almost twoseconds behind. Narozhilenko equalled the re-cord she set herself three years ago and Surin was fournundredths outside American

with third-placed Valerie Jean-

Andre Cason's 60-metre record of 6.41 seconds clocked last year. Christie to retire after

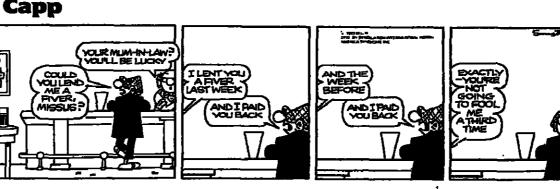
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Olympic 100 metres champion Linford Christie said Sunday he

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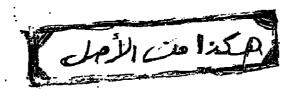


#### Andy Capp



## **Mutt'n'Jeff**





## Yemen issues new 50 riyals banknote

ADEN, Yemen (R) - Yemen's central bank said it would start circulating a new banknote Monday, the first to carry the name of the Republic of Yemen formed by the union of north and south Yemen

A bank statement Sunday said the new note would have a denomination of 50 riyals (just over \$1 on the free market). Old northern riyal and southern dinar notes will gradually be withdrawn from circulation

Basking sources said the government was printing other notes denominated in 10, 20, 100, 500 and 1,000 riyals, but it was not clear when they would be issued.

## Japan wants dollar to remain healthy

TOKYO (R) — Japanese Fi-nance Minister Yoshiro Hayashi said Sanday he had told U.S. President Bill Clinton in Washington that the dollar must not plunge because it is a key global currency.

Speaking at a news conference. Mr. Hayashi noted that in theory, a sharp decline in the dollar's value could undermine the stable world economy and cause inflation in the United States.
Mr. Hayashi said Mr. Clinton

told him that sound U.S. and Japanese economies should have a good impact globally and called for closer bilateral ties.

Mr. Hayashi had just returned from Washington where he met Mr. Clinton and U.S. Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen to discuss bilateral and global econo-

Mr. Hayashi said he believed it was mutually understood that the U.S. and Japan are opposed to manipulating currencies.

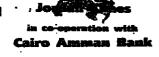
Asked if the Japanese finance inistry would let the currency market decide on dollar/yen rates, Mr. Hayashi said: "We have no choice but to monitor the moves for the moment."

He also noted the dollar's recent plunge against the yen was not disorderly.

Mr. Havashi said he and Mr. Bentsen agreed when they met Friday currencies must reflect economic fundamentals and move in a stable manner.

U.S. and Japanese economic fundamentals are stable, Mr. Hayashi said.

Financial Markets



#### Foreign Exchange Market Summary (February 8-February 12, 1993)

AMMAN - The issue of trade balances between Janan and the rest of the G-7 countries, particularly with the U.S. was the overwhelming concern among market participants throughout last week. The Japanese currency thus railied significantly on talk of G-7 resolve to press Japan for a stronger yen. The Japanese unit thus finished the week three per cent higher against the dollar and mark. The dollar, on the other hand, was hardly changed against the mark and most European currencies, but was 1.7 per cent higher against sterling.

Monday was featureless as the dollar eased against the mark and yen

in trading dominated by technical considerations.

The yen surged Tuesday, on fears that the leading Western countries, mainly the U.S., were about to increase pressure on Japan to reduce its trade surplus by pushing its currency higher. Observers and analysts commented that dealers were mainly basing their expectations on the belief that the Cinton Administration will take a firmer and more "confrontational" stand on trade issues. Various statements from Japanese officials, including their finance minister, also confirmed these

Hence while the yen continued to appreciate during the following days, it slowed down by the end of the week, ending it below the inter-day highs it had seen. Analysts explained that it became clear to icipants that there was more than one scenario involved. On the one hand, it was thought that the Japanese government is unlikely to agree to push the yen by the full extent that the U.S. was calling for, which was 15-20 per cent higher, as it conflicts with the current Japan. Even from the U.S. stand, a higher yen might only cause imported inflation without discouraging consumer demand for Japanese products.

Observers thus do not rule out the possibility of a yen appreciation to 118 yea to the dollar in the short term, but the longer term outlook

The British pound continued to decline, on the other hand close 2.3495 marks Thursday, its lowest levels yet. It rebounded slightly Friday, on comments from the governor of the Bank of England that the U.K. might tighten its monetary policy, and that there was no room formore rate cuts in the short term. The move was significant in that it challenged the market's previous assumption about British policy.

While the dollar traded in a tight range against the mark throughout

the week, economic reports released confirmed that the outlook for the U.S. economy and interest rates was very encouraging, and was markedly in contrast with that of Germany and the rest of Europe.

Currency :	5/2/1993 Close	12/2/1993 Close	Percent Change
Sterling Pound	1.4445	1.4205	(1.66)\$
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Swiss Franc	1.5325	1.5345	(0.13)8
French Franc	5.6125	5.6165	(0.07)%
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Deutsche Mark	8.31	7.12	8.50	7.18	
Swiss Franc	5.22	4.90	5.50	5 <u>.02</u> .	
French Franc	11.37	9.25	11.87	9.50	
Japanese Yen	3.18	3.25	3.18	3.21	

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U.S. Dollar	.6920	.6940
Sterling Pound	.9808	.9857
Deutsche Mark	_4171	.4192
Swiss Franc	4497	.4519
French Franc	.1233	.1239
Japanese Yen*	.5723	.5752
Dutch Guilder	.3705.	.3724
Swedish Krona	.0924	.0929
Italien Lira*	.0448	.0450
Belgian Franc	.02022	02032

## **Arabsat** reports \$12m profit

DUBAI (R) - The Arab Satellite .Communications Organisation (Arabsat) said Sunday it made a profit of \$12 million in 1992, the same as the previous

Arabsat officials told Renters the company, an offshoot of the 21-member Arab League, had a 1992 surplus revenue of \$12 million. "The same profit was made in 1991," one said. Arabsat is holding a six-day conference in Dubai which

opened Saturday. Local press reports earlier quoted Arabsat Board Chairman Faisal Ahmad Zaidan as telling

the opening session the profits would be used to help finance "the second generation of satel-Mr. Zaidan said the meetin would discuss the details of a \$258

million contract awarded in Octo-ber to the U.S. Hughes Aircraft Co. to build two communications satellites for Arabsat. The first of the two HS 601 spacecraft is scheduled for launch in 1995.

Mr. Zaidan said Arabsat had overcome teething difficulties in its early years. Operating revenue from a satellite it launched last year was \$30 million, he added. He said demand was so high for

Arabsat channels that the firm was making arrangements to buy a used satellite for temporary use until the launch of the second generation satellite being built by Hughes.

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## Saudi central bank steps in to control share offerings

(SAMA) has asked banks to reduce loans to would-be investors in an effort to control demand for new share offerings, bankers said Sunday.

"SAMA's action was aimed at discouraging investors from borrowing money to speculate in the Saudi stock market" one banker said by telephone from Riyadh. Bankers said SAMA, the kingdom's de facto central bank, had approached banks Saturday asking them to lend not more than half the total of any sum extended to a customer wishing

to invest in a share offering. "Banks have been asked not to extend credits more than 50 per cent of total finances extended to Saudi investors wishing to buy shares offered to the public," a spokesman at Bank A! Jazira said by telephone from Jeddah.

Banks have previously lent up to 98 per cent of total finances requested by investors to buy new lion riyals (\$304 million), was

"The investor only pays between 2-5 per cent margin and can buy as many shares as he ishes," he said. Share prices in the Saudi mar-

ket, which operates by computer and telephone, have more than doubled since the end of the Gulf war two years ago but drifted back late last year after Saudi banks and firms flooded the market with new offerings. Bankers said the SAMA move

also aimed at stopping investors using other names to get more shares in the allocation proces Saudi British Bank (SBB) Saturday offered 1.2 million shares to the public and 800,000 shares to its foreign partner HSBC Holdings PLC, the parent of Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corp., to maintain its 40

per cent stake. The flotation, worth 1.14 bil-

MANAMA (R) — The Saudi shares, putting billions of dollars aimed at boosting the bank's Arabian Monetary Agency into share offerings, one banker paid-up capital 150 per cent to one billion riyals (\$267 million). The new shares were priced at 570 riyals (\$152) each.

> SBB officials were not available to comment but other bankers said the move would not affect its shares because the kingdom had enough spare cash to cover the offer.

The official Saudi share index fell slightly to 193.79 points last week from 195.05 points the previous week, SAMA said.

Figures released by SAMA, carried by the Saudi Press Agency Sunday, showed trading volume in the five-day week which ended last Wednesday climbed to 674.044 shares from 588.097 shares the previous

The value of shares traded in the exchange rose 19.3 per cent to 247.9 million riyals (\$66 million) from 207.8 million (\$55.4 mil-

## Bentsen says Clinton's economic plan is a call to all Americans

WASHINGTON (R) — U.S. this country moving again, and to Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen said Saturday that President Bill Clinton; in a financial package to be unveiled this week, would call on all Americans to help turn the economy around. What the president said is that everyone is going to be expected to make their contributions to get

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turn this thing around," Mr. Bentsen said in an interview with the CBS Television Network. On Wednesday, Mr. Chinton

plans to unveil an economic plan before a joint session of Congress in which he will seek to reverse the "trickle-down policies of the 1980s" and create jobs

Mr. Clinton, who was meeting on the weekend with his economic advisers to work out specifics of the programme, said in a radio broadcast Saturday that he would propose tax hikes on rich individuals and companies, and take on "special interests" who see the tax code as a game. Mr. Bentsen said the pivotal

plan reflected the administration's determination to work for change, change in the process. and change in the objectives. (Clinton) is totally committed to getting this deficit down." He said the continued decrease in interest rates reflected confi-

stated economic goals. "When you see 30-year mortgages at a 20-year low, you can understand that the market is reacting to that." he said.

dence in the administration's

Mr. Bentsen confirmed that Mr. Clinton's economic package would include a surtax on millionaires and said, without providing specific figures, that the income tax rate on Americans making more than \$200,000 year would be raised. "That's going to go up, there's no question about that... they're

the ones who have done the best economically during the '80s, whereas middle income has taken a hit," he pointed out. He said no final decision had

been made on whether taxes would be raised on social security benefits and added that an energy tax was an option still being considered. Such a tax, which would hit the

pocketbooks of Americans across the board, was hinted at last week by administration officials.

(CNN's) Newsmaker Saturday Programme whether Mr. Clinton's package would include some form of energy tax, said:

Deputy Treasury Secretary Ro-ger Altman, speaking earlier on CNN, said the Clinton package would affect wealthy Americans but that sacrifices by the middle class would be "negligible."

"You will have to stay tuned."

"I would think the role that the middle class will play compared to upper-income taxpayers will be extremely small," Mr. Altman

Republicans have assaulted Mr. Clinton's plans to change the income tax structure as an attack on the middle class. Mr. Altman said that for a family earning \$60,000, spending changes and tax increases would not cause economic deprivation. In his nationwide radio broad-

cast, Mr. Clinton said: "We will build an America where even the most privileged pay their fair "Fairness" was the mantra on

the lips not only of Mr. Clinton, but also of his top advisers and democratic lawmakers.

"We are not going to do any-thing that is unfair in its impact on the American people," said Mr. Gore. "I think the programme is going to be fair. I think it is going

sive, in terms of people who can afford to pay more," said Mr.

Mr. Gore said middle-class and low-income families with children could expect some tax relief. And Mr. Altman said businesses could expect tax cre-

dits for capital investments. But image-making was the order of the day. In his radio address, Mr. Clinton returned to his campaign theme of creating a fundamental change in the way America does business.

"If we don't change, the American living standards of our broad Vice President Al Gore, asked on the Cable News Network's dine," he said.

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## **Kuwait plans** spending cut to tackle deficit

government plans to cut spending would not help, he said, by 10 per cent in the 1993/94 fiscal "To deal with the deficit related costs.

Finance Minister Nasser saying. Abdulla Al Rodhan said the cabinet had approved the outline budget. To do that, we are purof a budget putting spending at suing two main courses. The one between 3.5 billion and 3.7 billion is to improve oil income... and dinars (\$>11.5 billion and (\$12.2 the other is to reduce spending to billion) and income at about 2.8 a minimum without affecting the

billion dinars (\$9.2 billion). standard of different services." That compares with spending of four billion dinars (\$13.2 bil-budget does not really happen by tion), income of two billion dinars raising incomes and raising oil (\$6.6 billion), and a two billion production, which has limits and dinar deficit in the 1992/93 (is) a wall you cannot exceed. We

year after the end of the Iraqi reduce expenditure and rationaloccupation, the government ran a ise it, so enabling us to use each deficit of 5.33 billion dinars and every dinar being spent." (\$17.5 billion), largely because of the costs of reconstruction and compensation for Kuwaiti

Sheikh Rodhan's remarks in an interview with Al Qabas newspaper published Sunday were the first indication the government has acted on opposition and parliamentary calls for belt-

ightening in the fiscal year from Sheikh Rodhan said the government expected the 1991/94 budget deficit would be about one billion dinars (\$3.3 billion).

KUWAIT (R) - The Kuwaiti Simply pumping more oil

year to further reduce a budget through increasing oil producdeficit swollen by Gulf war- tion... does not achieve the goals being sought," he was quoted as

"We are trying to balance the

wish to increase income. At the In 1991/92, the first full fiscal same time we must be keen to

> Sheikh Rodhan did not say which areas of spending would be cut but he said many services were heavily subsidised by the government and mentioned electricity and health care as exam-

> Parliament, which began sitting last October for the first time in six years, has yet to debate the 1992/93 budget. Mr. Rodhan gave no indication as to whenparliament would discuss either the 1992/93 or 1993/94 budgets.

Parliament wants the govern-He gave no clear indication of ment to cut the deficit but at the how it would be financed but said same time members are under cutting government expenditure pressure from their constituents uximising oil sector re- to ensure government jobs for allvenue could help balance the Kuwaities and generous handouts for anyone with a grievance.

#### Armenia could run out of precious wheat soon

biockade that is part of the five-home. year long war with Azerbaijan, say Armenian and U.S. officials. Shortages of fuel and other

Electricity is off throughout

dles of sticks through the snow- Ms. Apkarian said.

YEREVAN (AP) - Armenia covered streets, resting every few could run out of badly needed yards to allow their underwheat this month, deepening the nourished bodies to gather crisis caused by an economic enough energy to carry the fuel

"The diet has been reduced basically to bread and potatoes; said Gassia Apkarian, head of the basic commodities have forced Yerevan office of the Armenian Armenia's 3.7 million people to Assembly of America, which is close down virtually all of their helping coordinate an international aid effort. The average elderly Armenian

Yerevan, and there is little traf- has lost 5 kilogrammes over the fic. Most shops are closed and past three months, and autopsy residents spend their days gather-reports show that the fat layer on ing food and fuel to heat their the average corpse has dropped It is common to see small ches) to 2-3 centimetres (0.0 to children using twine to pull bun- 1.2 inches) over the past year,

#### Canada's Bronfman empire to shed 37% stake in Labatt

TORONTO (R) - Canada's group in a week. troubled Bronfman empire has agreed to shed its 37 per cent

The Bronfman family has been stake in brewing giant John the latest Canadian investor to Labatt Ltd. for 993 million Cana-face a growing cash crisis largely dian dollars (\$775 million), the because of sour real estate investsecond major asset sale for the ments at home and abroad.

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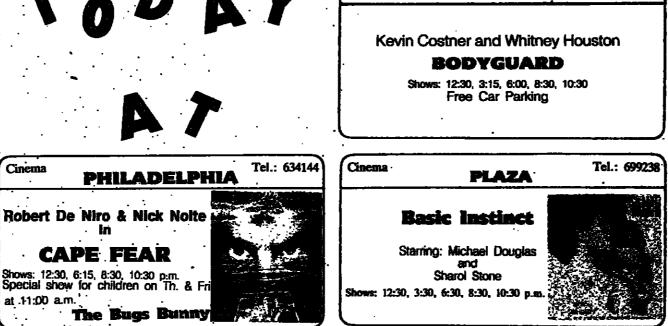
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# Convoy leaves for eastern Bosnia | Moscow edges away from West

SARAJEVO (Agencies) — A convoy carrying food and medicine headed Sunday to a desperate and isolated eastern Bosnian town. Saraievo continued to boycott aid to protest the east's

plight. U.N. officials, facing mounting hostility from residents and city leaders in Sarajevo, said they hoped to begin medical evacua-tions from the besieged city soon.

Distribution centres in the capital remained quiet on the third day of what city authorities say is a hunger strike in solidarity with thousands of people trapped for months in eastern Bosnia by Serb sieges.

The city council, backed by the Muslim led government, announced Friday it would stop distributing the food aid that has kept Sarajevo residents alive during a 10 month siege. The council said it would resume distribution only after convoys reach Slavic Muslims and others in eastern Bosnia.

Fighting and Serbs - sometimes soldiers, sometimes unarmed civilians — have blocked U.N. convoys from reaching several towns in eastern Bosnia for months.

Early Sunday, trucks loaded with food and medicine left the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade, for Cerska, isolated since the war

began last spring.
The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees office in Belgrade said the convoy had reached the Serb held eastern Bosnian town of Zvornik and was headed for

Bosnian government radio said Saturday that 166 people have starved recently in Cerska. But government reports of mass starvation have been disputed by U.N. officials in the past.

Serb fighters recently allowed some 6,000 Muslims to flee the Cerska area for nearby Muslim held Tuzia, where relief agencies said many arrived in terrible con-

dition, with disease and frostbite. Tuzia, 80 kilometres north of Sarajevo. declared Saturday it

De Klerk:

agreement

LONDON (R) - South African

President F.W. De Klerk said

Sunday his government had not

entered into a fixed agreement

with the African National Con

gress (ANC) on power-sharing.

television interviewer any final

agreement on a new constitution

must wait for mul: party talks.

adding it was essential the In-

katha Freedom Party played a

role in the negotiating process to

avoid a break-up of the republic.

days of fundamental discussion

with Inkatha next week. I think

Inkatha must be brought into the

negotiating process. I think it's

ing for trouble in South Africa.

We don't want to go the Yugosla-

On Friday the government and

the ANC appeared to have

reached agreement to defer

majority rule until 1999, five

years after elections late this year

or early in 1994 for an interim

Buthelezi warned Saturday of

possible bloodshed if the South

African government and the ANC tried to impose their consti-

tutional plans for the country's future on the Zulu people.

the interview to remove the idea

"We are not making deals in

our bilateral discussions at the

moment," he told Sir David Frost. "The interpretation that

we have entered into fixed agree-

must be reached at a multi-party

conference representative of all

parties in the country. The focus

is now on getting multi-party

Mr. De Klerk said there was a

convergence of views in the re-

public about the principle of de-

volution of "meaningful" power

to regional governments. "By

that time (the election) at least

the borders of the regions must

be in place," Mr. De Klerk said.

sensus ... regions must also elect

regional representatives who will

play a major role in the

He said there was no agree-

ment yet about what percentage

of the election vote parties must

win before they could become

part of a government of national

might be part of the final solu-

Mr. De Klerk said he did not

want his successor as president to

have as much power as he had,

and raised the possibility of a

rotating chairmanship of the

tion." he said.

"A form of proportionality

constitution.-writing process."

"It is part of the growing con-

negotiations going again."

"We believe final agreement

ments is wrong."

of a government/ANC deal.

Mr. De Klerk was at pains in

Inkatha leader Mangosuthu

government of national unity.

"Otherwise we might be look-

fundamental.

We are going to have a few

Mr. De Klerk told a British

No fixed

with ANC

would join the capital's fast and refuse more aid until those trap-

ped by fighting are fed. UNHCR envoy Jose-Maria Mendiluce headed to the Serb stronghold of Pale, just east of Sarajevo, for talks about getting more convoys to eastern Bosnia. said Karin Landgren, a Swede taking over UNHCR's Sarajevo operations.

Ms. Landgren said there are 2,300 tonnes of food and medical supplies in warehouses in Sarajevo and at the airport.
"The warehouses are 65 per

cent full," she said. U.N. officials have said stockpiled food may

Ms. Landgren reported plans for medical evacuations from the city, where some wounded have waited for months without proper treatment or artificial limbs. "A doctor is coming in next

week to review who needs to go. and get it started," she said. Meanwhile, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic has warned his

troops to stay out of politics. "It would be the greatest tragedy if soldiers came to powhe told Sarajevo Television

Saturday night. Kemal Muftic, an adviser to Mr. Izetbegovic, said the president was responding to complaints from some members of Bosnia's forces that the government was not doing enough to provide them with arms and ammunition in their fight against rebel Serbs.

Mr. Muftic said there was no threat of a coup against Mr. Izetbegovic.

The president, asked by an interviewer whether the army was changing its political attitudes, said troops should stick to the task of ending the siege of Sarajevo and resisting Serbs in other parts of Bosnia.

"The more a soldier is politician, the less he is a soldier." Mr. Izetbegovic said.

He said his government would continue to take account of the views of ordinary soldiers because they were "the same thing



A boy warms his hand and tries to heat some food on a rubbish fire at a Sarajevo market after the city rejected all aid until relief convoys get through to eastern Bosnin-Herzegovina (AFP photo)

s the armed people." But the government had never allowed the military to impose its views and Bosnia would remain

democratic, he said. In Vatican City, Pope John Paul II appealed again Sunday for peace in Bosnia-Herzegovina, asking political leaders there to make every effort to end the violence and allow humanitarian aid to reach the needy.

people gathered in St. Peter's Square that the situation in the Balkans "becomes more tragic and cruel every day." "I invite yet again all the be-

lievers to ask God with me to give the gift of peace to the tortured population of Bosnia-Herzegovina and to guide the consciences of those who govern to make every effort to end the violence and permit humanitarian aid to reach its destination."

In a separate development Croatian radio said Sunday that Serb forces in the rebel Krajina enclave shelled targets around The Pontiff told about 10,000 the Adriatic port of Zadar over-

> The area of Novigrad, Kasic and Maslenica was hit but there was no immediate word of casual

#### pean security conference in sence in border countries...we MOSCOW (R) - Moscow is

edging away from its Honeymoon with the powerful democracies of the West, nurturing instead the hopes of regaining superpower status which Russia itself has rejected since the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Senior Russian officials have taken to making speeches with harsh criticism of the West. A new blueprint of Russia's foreign policy priorities names currying favour with the West as one of the main policy weaknesses of the recent past.

"We have been suffering from over-excitement with the abstract ideas of non-conflicting globalism," says the document, presented, to parliament late last

"The time has come to take care of our national interests by using economic, diplomatic, nilitary and other means."

The policy document represented a sharp change of outlook by the Foreign Ministry which

Widely considered one of the most powerful bulwarks of liberalism in a fierce political power struggle with conservatives inside Russia, the Foreign Ministry has come under right-wing fire for its overtures to the West.

Last year Foreign Minister Andrei Kozyrev shocked a Euro-

VILNIUS, Lithuania (R) -

Lithuanians trooped through

thick snow to vote Sunday in a

presidential contest which former

Communist Algirdas Brazauskas

is tipped to win against his emigre

the election showed Mr. Brazaus-

kas, who advocates closer ties

with Moscow to ease the coun-

try's growing economic crisis,

winning 54 per cent. His rival Stasys Lozoraitis, an

emigre who became Lithuania's

ambassador to Washington, appeared to be backed by about a

third of the electorate.

Turnout in Lithuania's first

direct presidential elections is ex-

pected to be high, with the latest

opinion polls forecasting about 85

per cent of the electorate will

Despite damp weather, hun-dreds of people in Vilnius walked

through the morning darkness to

cast their vote as soon as polling

stations opened at 7 a.m. (0500

For most voters, the key issue

is the economy. Lithuania's en-

Ten Europeans countries,

along with Canada and Japan, are

participating in the space station

Freedom project for an orbiting

space laboratory. Current esti-

nates are that it will cost between

\$30 billion and \$40 billion to build

and \$100 billion to maintain over

its proposed 30-year life in space.
"What you've had here in this

programme is steadily increasing

cost overruns, mismanagement,

especially at one of the centres," Mr. Gore said in a television

He stressed that there was no

intention to alter the program-

interview.

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An opinion poll on the eve of

nomic pressure to reassert Russian domination in the former Soviet Union.

Minutes later he said his speech was just a scare tactic designed to show what could happen if conservative opposition took over in

Moscow. But the draft foreign policy plan, designed on the same lines as the speech, does not seem part of a game.

"The creation of Russia's geopolitical environment is under way, with the outcome depending on our ability to reinstate international law and good neighbourliness through persuasion and in exceptional cases through the use of force," it says.

The Foreign Ministry echoed opposition claims, which it used

to reject out of hand, that Russia should remain a dominant power in the former Soviet Union as well as in Eastern Europe.

"We cannot rule out the possibility of attempts by the United zone of its traditional influence under the cover of mediatory or peacekeeping missions," says the document.

"Russia will oppose any up a military and political pre- today."

Lithuanians vote in presidential poll

Stockholm by saying Moscow also cannot allow the West to could use military force and ecopush Russia out of the East Eurpean region," it adds.

"There are few countries in the West which are interested in making Russia strong and united," Prime Minister Viktor ited," Chemomyrdin told a meeting of local government leaders, shown by Russian Television Saturday.

On the same day Security Minister Viktor Barannikov accused Western secret services of cultivating a mafia trade in arms and narcotics to undermine Rus-

In a speech recalling declarations by Soviet officials before the failed hardline coup of 1991, he said Western intelligence agen-cies were helping Russian organised crime to forge links with international criminal organisa-

Presenting the new foreign policy guidelines in parliament Friday, Mr. Kozyrev, a co-author of Moscow's pro-Western policy, hinted at the increasing influence on President Boris Yeltsin by States to replace Russia in the Russia's arch-conservative nationalist opposition.

Answering a deputy, who in-quired whether his ministry was working under serious conservative pressure, he said: "In fact I attempts by third parties to build don't know who is in opposition

Party won parliamentary elec-

tions in November, advocates a

more cautious approach to re-

form than the man who led

Lithuania to independence in

Mr. Landsbergis, his camp

shaker by the November defeat.

chose not to run in the presiden-

tial poll but he clearly retains

sent," Mr. Clinton told reporters

who asked whether he would cut

"I think the people who care

funding for the space station.

about that (space programmes) will be pleased by the recom-

mendations we make," the presi-

dent said at the start of a meeting

"There may be some changes,"

Meanwhile, despite a govern-

ment wide effort to cut costs, a

coalition of environmental groups

urged President Clinton Saturday

to spend more than \$1 billion to

buy hundreds of private parcels

of land for parks and recreation.

prey to development.

George Frampton said.

The Wilderness Society and 35

While the government needs to

address the burgeoning budget deficit, the money needed to pro-

tect these sensitive lands is an investment "that will pay us and

future generations back forever,"

Wilderness Society President

Interior Secretary Bruce Bab-

bitt indicated last week that he

wants to make expanding the

he added without elaborating.

political ambitions.

with congressmen.

1991, Vytautas Landsbergis.

Lithuanian Acting President Algirdas Brazauskas answers reporters

questions 13 Feb. after the close of the presidential campaign in Lithuania. Brazauskas is one of two candidates for the post, elections

for which are to be held Sunday (AFP photo)

cheap subsidised fuel from Rus-

Now, homes are without hot

water and heating in flats and

offices is low. Many factories

have closed down or cut produc-

tion, unable to bear the world

market prices being demanded by

Mr. Brazauskas, acting president since his Democratic Labour

Moscow for fuel.

mothers-to-be are making sure their babies can dance samba at this year's Rio Carmival. As Brazil falls under the magic spell cast annually by carnival, organisers have set up a parade section where dozens of pregnant women can parade and dance in the city's world-famous celebrations, Globo Television reported. Expectant mothers even have a special school where they can learn moves for dancing to the samba, carnival's trademark music. Be-fore joining the school or entering the parade the women must undergo a medical examination, the television said. "This is too much fun, and I want to pass on all the happiness I feel to my son," said Ana Paula, a samba school dancer who is five months pregnant. Ceremonies marking the start of carnival - a prelenten explosion of dancing, drinking ar 1 revelry across Brazil - take place in Rio Thursday. The merrymaking ends on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 24.

#### Valentine's Day prompts offbeat

LONDON (R) - Britons swapped romantic Valentine's Day en "sugarcoated snuggleplum,"
"cuddlebumps" and "tubalub."
The usually-reserved British display their feelings on Valentine's Day, which falls on a Sunday this year, and anonymous public expressions of love abounded in the and others just old-fashioned proposals. Most drew heavily on gibbon, all' my love snuggly rabbit," said one in the Times, "Mr. Andrew Cat. purr, purr, miaow, miaow. Lots of noserubs, Miss Judith Cat," was another message. Others were more specific.
"Let's do the Kama Sutra together," was the invitation to tubalub from amorous H. Some were far from complimentary — "you smell like a cabbage and

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## Ted Kennedy Jr.

BOSTON (AP) — Edward M. Kennedy Jr., the son of the Massachusetts senator, will marry a psychiatrist who teaches at Yale University, the senator's office announced Saturday. Mr. Kenada 12 announced Saturday. nedy, 31, will marry Dr. Katherine Anne Gershman, said Melody Miller, a spokeswoman for Sen. Edward M. Kennedy. They met three years ago at a chamber music recital at Yale. They were not willing to speak with repor-ters, Ms. Miller said. The wedding will be in the fall, although no date or location has been set, she said.

LONDON (R) — Gem dealer as down-to-earth, funny and rewant you to leave the dock with-any illusions. You are both going to prison for a very long time."

#### **WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### **Russian Communists try to regroup**

SOROKINO, Russia (AP) — More than 1,000 Communists greeted the leaders of the failed 1991 hardline coup with a standing ovation at a meeting aimed at reviving the descredited Communist Party. "We have survived. Our president goes abroad and savs that Communism is dead in Russia. But the Communist movement is becoming stronger," proclaimed Ivan Yakushin, a communal farm chairman. The stage was decorated with a white bust of Lenin. Despite the fanfare, the Communist Party is no er regarded as a major political movement in Russi party's membership dwindled in the last years of Soviet power, and most Communist rallies in Moscow now draw fewer than 5,000 people. The Communists, mostly men in their 40s and 50s, gathered at the Klyazma Reservoir Poort, several nondescript yellow brick buildings in a pine tor, st near the village of Sorokino, 15 kilometres north of Moscow. Anatoly Lukyanov, the former Soviet parliament leader who has been accused of taking part in the coup, told the crowd that Communism has a

#### Chinese police stop 69 'boat people'

HONG KONG (R) — Chinese police have seized a fishing boat carrying 69 people hoping to sail illegally to Australia, the Peking-controlled China News Service said. The would-be emigrants had each paid up to 4,000 yuan (5700) to board the craft on the coast of the southern province of Guangxi, which was loaded with enough food for the trip and equipped with sophisticated navigational aids, the weekend report said. The ringleader of the group faced criminal charges, it said, describing the 69 as guilty of attempting to "leave the country illegally." Chinese citizens must have exit visas to travel abroad.

#### IRA shoots man in Belfast

BELFAST (R) - Gunmen of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) shot and injured a man outside a Belfast pub early Sunday, police said. The man was hit in the leg and the arm as he got out of a car outside the pub. His attackers fled in another car. The IRA. fighting to oust Britain from Northern Ireland, later claimed responsibility for the attack in a call to a local radio station.

#### 'Soviets sank 2 nuclear ships in Baltic'

HAMBURG (AP) - The former Soviet Union disposed of two nuclear-powered ships by sinking them in the Baltic Sea. Der Spiegel news magazine said. It was unclear whether radioactivity was leading from the vessels, the Hamburg-based magazine said in a summary of a report in its next issue, to be released Monday. Russian officials have gradually been releasing information on careless handling of nuclear materials in the former Soviet Union, including disposal of radioactive materials on land and in the Arctic Ocean. But Spiegel's report appeared to be the first on nuclear materials possibly sunk in the narrow Baltic, bordered by Poland, Germany and the Baltic and Scandinavian countries. Spiegel said the German government feared radioactive con-tamination could enter the food chain through fish in the Baltic. It said the sunken vessels were one civilian ship and one military

#### Ghali due for Tokyo talks

TOKYO (R) - U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali arrives in Japan Monday to seek Tokyo's backing for his ideas on strengthening the world body and its global peacekeeping activities. For Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Dr. Ghali's five-day visit offers a chance to advance Japan's bid for a permanent seat on the U.N. Security Council. Dr. Ghali is to meet Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa, Foreign Minister Michio Watanabe and Emperor Akihito as well as deliver three policy speeches and officially open the new headquarters of the United Nations University in Tokyo. As with his January trip to Germany, Dr. Ghali's visit to Japan takes place amid speculation that the world body will soon take steps to reflect an international power balance radically changed from the late 1940s when the U.N. was founded.

#### **Evacuation near Philippine volcano begins**

MABINIT, Philippines (R) - Troopers herded hundreds of Filipinos from their homes near Mount Mayon Sunday and loaded pigs and chickens onto trucks to clear villages threatened by the volcano's eruptions. Scientists kept a close watch while Mayon, which killed more than 60 people earlier this month, rumbled and spewed glowing rocks overnight after a series of moderate eruptions since Friday.

## Craxi hints at juicy

name of corruption charges.

"I am going to have to reveal many things," he said. "I want all things Italian to be brought to

Speaking to reporters over the weekend, former Prime Minister Craxi said he would continue to fight attempts to indict him. He had been under intense pressure to resign since last December when he received the first official warning he was suspected

But he made it clear he did not

Political analysts have regarded him as doomed for the last three menths. The question row, they believe, is how many people he

In particular, they wonder whether Mr. Craxi will make any damaging accusations which might jeopardise the shaky coalition of his fellow Socialist Prime

Mr. Craxi has always claimed the Socialists — main victims in the bribery scandal - were being

dominant Christian Democrats if it had broken out in their power base of Rome instead of the Socialists' stronghold of Milan.

# revelations

of involvement in a huge bribery

regard his resignation as an

will take down with him.

His former deputy Gianni De Michelis has said the scandal

ROME (R) - Italy's former Socialist leader Bettino Craxi has hinted he will not hesitate to make potentially explosive disclosures in the battle to clear his

tire industry had been built up on

coming year: Vir Gore said.

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Minister Giuliano Amate.

unfairly singled out.

#### Clinton to cut costs on space station . ject sident Al said separately on Saturday that there would be some changes in the huge U.S. space programme but he gave no details of what they would be.

But the New York Times amount asked for by the National Aeronautics and Space Adminis-

tration (NASA). Mr. Clinton, responding to the

Rumours had circulated that "may be some changes."
"I think you all know I've Mr. Clinton would kill the proposed space station or drastically cut the current U.S. spending level of about \$2.1 billion.

**Bill Clinton** other groups warned that if the areas, totalling thousands of acres (hectares), aren't taken over by the government they could fall Saturday quoted unnamed administration officials as saying Mr. Clinton's upcoming federal budget would propose spending \$2.25 billion on the space station in the next fiscal year — the

rumours, said he was a big backer of space programmes but there

always been a big supporter of NASA and the space programme and the technologies it can repre-

depression also seems to be grea-

## national park system and rectify-ing its \$2 billion maintenance backlog a top priority. Charles wins rousing welcome from U.S. students

said Prince Charles. But he added: "Why is it that while the means for achieving lication of a saucy phone conhappiness have never been greaversation said to be between ter, the incidence of stress and

> ter than ever before?" The technological rush of today, he said, can rob people of "We certainly become more

knowing, but we do not seem to become any more civilised," he said in a celebration for the 300th speech stood in line for up to six anniversary of the college, one of hours to see the king-in-waiting the most prestigious in the United States. For Prince Charles, the setting

could hardly have been more appropriate, Williamsburg, a town of rambling old buildings named for Prince Charles's 17th century ancestor William III, was the colonial capital of Virginia. His speech was vintage once Britain's most prosperous

outpost in America. Prince Charles last spoke at William and Mary in 1981, the year of his "fairytale wedding."

"In those days I was young and relatively inexperienced. In these days I am middle-aged and relatively inexperienced," he

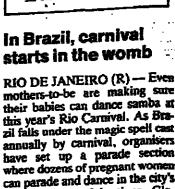
joked. "I now find that I am an exact contemporary of the current vice president of the U.S.A. and just two years younger than the president.

The travails of the queen's children have created intense debate about the future of the monarchy, seen by many young Britons as irrelevant and by older Britons as morally bankrupt.
But Prince Charles urged the

crowd to cast away "a cynical disbelief in the relevance of the past to the present, and in the value of what is traditional and timeless."

"It is said that the past is another country. If so, we have become xenophobic," he said. A joyful Prince Charles shook hands on the college campus and then met privately with 16 students, who described the prince

Prince Charles lunched with the students and later met President Bill Clinton at a small dinner in Washington hosted by Vice President Al Gore, a long-time friend who shares Prince Charles's environmental passions.



# British endearments

dearments using a galaxy of offbeat nicknames such as columns of national newspaper in advance of Feb. 14. Many were incomprehensible. with the code only obvious to t. recipient, a few were worthy of the censor the animal kingdom. "My darling

#### Japan ex-premier gets surprise Valentine 'treat'

TOKYO (R) — Former Japanese Prime Minister Noboru Takeshita got a surprise Valentine's Day gift Sunday — chocolate bearing a message telling him to quit. Mr. Takeshita, under public pressure to resign for his role in a moneyand-mobster scandal, is due to testify on the affair under oath in parliament this week. According to Kyodo News Agency, 12 women wearing the traditional garb of Japanese messengers gathered in front of Mr. Takeshita's residence and shouted: "We love Mr. Takeshita because he is candidly going to resign (from parliament)." The women then handed Mr. Takeshita's secretary a large heart-shaped box of chocolates bearing the boldly daubed message telling him to

## to wed psychiatrist

#### Gem dealer with royal links faces jail in Britain

Darius Guppy, a close friend of Princess Diana's brother, was found guilty of an insurance swindled and now faces a long jail term. Mr. Guppy acted as best man when Princess Diana's brother, Earl Spencer, married: model Victoria Lockwood in 1989. Mr. Guppy and his business associate Benedict Marsh, both 28, were convicted of conspiracy charges involving fraud, theft and false accounting. They will be sentenced at a later date. Judge Andrew Brooks said: "I don't

#### could just easily have crippled the

WILLIAMSBURG, Virginia (R) American university students gave Prince Charles a rousing welcome on the first full day of his U.S. visit, the first overseas trip since the official collapse of

his marriage. Heckled at home for the embarrassing "camillagate" scandal, the British heir to the throne broke from his prepared speech in this southern colonial town in an ebullient show of joy at the thumping applause that greeted

"I'm very touched, if I might say so," Prince Charles said, souking up the cheere from a 10,000-strong audience at the College of William and Mary. "All I can say is that it's wonderful to come to Virginia

and receive such an incredibly

warm and encouraging welcome. Thank you very much indeed." College officials said they could not recall any previous speaker receiving such an enthusiastic welcome. It was the first U.S. test of Prince Charles's popularity since

his December split from Princess

Diana, the glamorous young wife

held in higher esteem than her husband in British opinion polls. Their breakup followed pub-

Prince Charles and married exgirlfriend Camilla Parker-Bowles. The coupie on the tape held a steamy bedtime chat, taped long before the royals officially split. Prince Charles' public standing has crumbled at home, although ticket-holders to his 20-minute

on the one public event of his three-day U.S. trip. On Sunday, the prince was due to fly to Houston, Texas, before heading to Mexico for an official visit at the invitation of President Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Charles, Queen Elizabeth's 44-year-old eldest son returned to a favourite theme — the value of simpler times and the spiritual vacuum created by consumerism — inurging a return to traditional

"I claim no special insight,"

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